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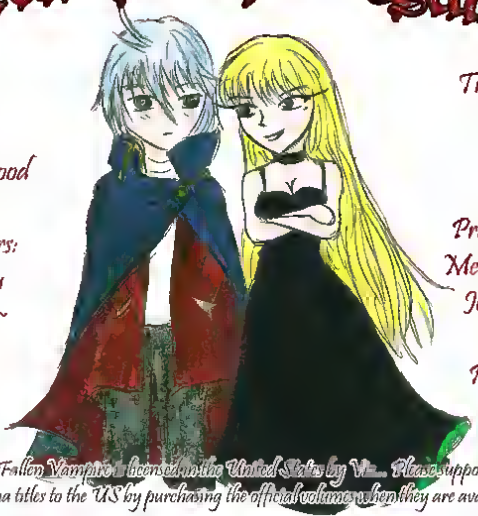

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CHAPTER 34:
THE STORY OF VERY BEAUTIFUL SOULS
TO HAVE KILLED STELLA ...!
FOR THAT SABER-HAGEN ...
IT CAN'T BE...
IT CAN'T BE
THIS KIND OF THING
NO...
IN THE FIRST PLACE ...

THAT SABERHAGEN AND STELLA WERE MOTHER AND DAUGHTER !?
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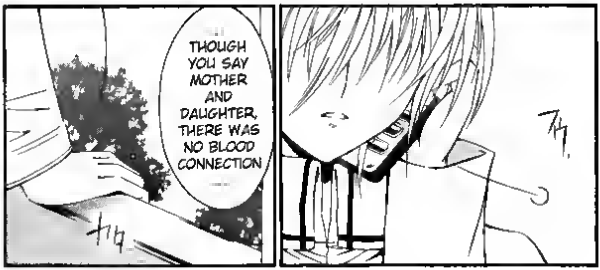

THOUGH YOU SAY MOTHER AND DAUGHTER, THERE WAS NO BLOOD CONNECTION

I SEE...
THE FIRST POSSESSED BY THE BLACK SWAN WAS ALSO ONE SUCH PERSON.
STELLA, AS AN ORPHAN, WAS TAKEN CARE OF BUT...
IN ORDER TO ASSEMBLE POWERFUL SPIRIT USERS AND UNDERLINGS SHE COULD USE FREELY.
SABERHAGEN HAD LONG AGO STARTED TAKING CUSTODY OF MANY ORPHANS.
BUT SABERHAGEN WAS STILL INTERESTED IN HER LIFE FOR A WHILE...
SHE WAS MADE TO LEAVE AT THE AGE OF 14.
WHEN SHE DID NOT SHOW ANY TALENT IN SPIRITUAL POWER, ACADEMICS OR BUSINESS...
WHY WAS STELLA KILLED?
ADELHEID...
BUT EVEN AS A JOKE, FOR A MOTHER TO KILL HER DAUGHTER...
ALL THIS WAS ONLY KNOWN AFTER EVERYTHING HAPPENED.

WHAT CRIME HAS THAT GIRL'S BEAUTIFUL SOUL COMMITTED?
... STELLA'S COMPLETELY INNOCENT ...
WHAT SHOULD I DO ... COULD IT BE ..
COULD IT BE THAT STELLA AND SABERHAGEN ARE MOTHER AND DAUGHTER !?

WHY DID YOU MARRY THE LIKES OF AKABARA ...?
WHY WEREN'T YOU ABLE TO LIVE A NORMAL LIFE ...?
WELL LET'S JUST CALL IT THE NATURAL COURSE OF EVENTS.
I WAS JUST BROUGHT ALONG TO THE NIGHT KINGDOM ...
DID YOU NOT KNOW THAT AKIBARA WAS MY ENEMY!?
WELL ...
I ONLY RECENTLY FOUND OUT THAT STRAUSS AND MOTHER WERE ENEMIES.

WHEN OUR BONDS WERE CUT I WAS TOLD ...
"FROM NOW ON NEVER SPEAK MY NAME AGAIN" AND SO ...
THERE WAS NEVER REALLY ANY MENTION OF YOU FROM ME.
I THOUGHT PERHAPS WE COULD PROPERLY INTRODUCE EACH OTHER AND START GETTING ALONG WELL...
MOTHER SEEMS LIKE A BAD PERSON BUT...
I KNOW THAT YOU REALLY AREN'T SO...
WHAT!? GET ALONG WELL!?
WHY DON'T YOU KNOW HIS FEARFULNESS EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE BY HIS SIDE!!
THE MOST TERRIBLE DISASTER THAT AKABARA WILL SURELY BRING ABOUT!!
EH---- BUT...

THERE ISN'T A SINGLE PERSON WHO WISHES FOR PEACE MORE THAN STRAUSS, YOU KNOW?
I COULDN'T CARE LESS ABOUT THE STATE OF AKABARA'S HEART!
THAT GUY HAS THE POWER!
ENOUGH TO COMPLETELY DESTROY THE EARTH AND THE SKY, AND MORE.
HE IS ABLE TO DESTROY EVERY THING!!
YES, BUT...
IF THAT POWER IS USED FOR PEACE ...
WOULDN'T IT BE ABLE TO MAKE EVERYONE HAPPY?
AFTER ALL, ISN'T IT SUCH A GREAT POWER?

EVEN IF TODAY HE WISHES FOR PEACE, TOMORROW HE MAY NOT BE THE SAME!
BY HIS ONE WHIM HE CAN DECIDE THE DESTRUCTION OR CONTINUITY OF THE WORLD!
AS LONG AS THAT GUY IS AROUND ...
NO ONE CAN LIVE WITH A CALM HEART!!
WHY DO YOU NOT THINK THAT IS FEARFUL!
WHAT IS SO FUNNY!!
BECAUSE IN THE END, BOTH MOTHER AND STRAUSS ARE THE SAME ..
THEY BOTH GO ON WISHING EVERYONE A CALM AND PEACEFUL LIFE

AND YET YOU ARE UNABLE TO UNDER-STAND EACH OTHER, IT'S SO UNBE-LIEVABLE
That's right
DOES NOT HAVE ANY ACT OR SCHEME FOR BEING TOGETHER WITH STRAUSS
IN ANY CASE IT SEEMS STELLA ...
BUT SABER-HAGEN IS ...
DO YOU REALLY ...
INTEND TO GIVE BIRTH TO AKABARA'S CHILD THERE?
BUT OF COURSE!
THE PEACE TALKS STRAUSS IS HOLDING WITH NEIGH-BORING COUNTRIES ARE ABOUT TO BE CON-CLUDED
WHEN THAT HAP-PENS ...
THIS CHILD WILL BE BORN IN A TIME WHEN THERE ARE NO FLAMES OF WAR ...
THERE ISN'T ANY-THING AS WONDER-FUL AS THAT

PLEASE WILL MOTHER ALSO ...
ENSURE THERE IS PEACE WHEN THIS CHILD IS BORN.

AKABARA ALONE IS ENOUGH OF A MENACE ...
IF A CHILD WHO INHERITS THAT CURSED BLOOD AND POWER WERE TO BE BORN
THERE WOULD BE NO CHANCE OF VICTORY FOR MANKIND
ABOVE THAT IF YOU ARE BY AKABARA'S SIDE ..
MOTHER, REALLY, YOU ALWAYS THINK IMMEDIATELY OF THE WORST POSSIBLE SCENARIOS
EVEN AMONG MY DAUGHTERS
I TRULY WISHED FOR MUCH HAPPINESS FOR YOU.
DEPENDING ON YOUR ATTITUDE, I THOUGHT OF TAKING YOU BACK TO MY SIDE, BUT
TO SPEAK OF BRINGING ME BACK, BUT THIS IS THE NIGHT KINGDOM, NO?
WHAT IS THIS !?
SUDDENLY SABER-HAGEN'S SPIRITUAL POWER INCREASED ?

EVEN NOW I AM NOT SO FAR AWAY
!!?
AND GET OUT AGAIN.
IF AKABARA ISN'T HERE, THEN I AM ABLE TO SNEAK IN MYSELF
I MUST DEFEAT AKABARA
SABER-HAGEN IS NEARBY !!?
THIS IS BAD !!
ANYTHING THAT BE-COMES AN OBSTACLE WILL BE DE-STROYED BY ANY MEANS!

SABER-HAGEN WILL ...
... IF I DON'T STOP HER !!
TO STELLA... ... TO STELLA ...!!
SABER-HAGEN WILL...
STELLA... BECOME MY SACRIFICE.
HUH?

SOON I WILL COME TO KILL YOU ...
AT LEAST... I WILL BE TAKING YOUR LIFE WITH MY OWN HANDS ..
IT SEEMS BEARING A VAMPIRE CHILD IN YOUR BODY HAS STRENGTH-ENED YOUR LIFE FORCE
.....
AH
.....
ARGH

STELLA !!
.....
ST
STELLA !!
STELLA HOLD ON!!
... UGH
..... AH
TER- RIBLE ...
WITH THIS, EVEN THE CHILD IN THE WOMB ...

EH……?
PRINCESS …ADELHEID …?
DON'T TALK!
I HEARD THE WHOLE CONVERSATION!
WOUND … THE WOUND IS NOT THAT DEEP SO…
PLEASE GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF!!
ANY … ANYTHING TO STOP THE WOUND …
… PLEASE RUN QUICKLY …
MOTHER… WILL BE… COMING, IT SEEMS …
IF… PRINCESS AND MOTHER MEET HERE … IT MAY BECOME … VERY BAD …
THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO WORRY ABOUT OTHERS!

IF PEOPLE GATHER... IT MAY BECOME WORSE.
DON'T...
THAT'S IT! I CAN CALL SOME-ONE WHO CAN GIVE TRE..T-MENT ...!
.....
AND ALSO... THERE'S NO CHANCE I'LL LIVE.
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING .....!
THAT'S!
DEFI-NITELY... IT WILL CAUSE... TROUBLE.
...IF IT'S KNOWN... THAT MOTHER KILLED ME...
IF... IF IT'S...

AT LAST... STRALISS IS ABOUT TO BRING PEACE... AND YET...
EVERY-THING... FOR NAUGHT
TRUE...
IT WILL NOT BE A SMALL THING IF ONE OF MY PEOPLE OR I MET SABER-HAGEN HERE...
IT WILL DEFI-NITELY CAUSE A BATTLE THAT WILL LEAD TO DEATHS...
IF THIS KIND OF THING HAPPENED WHEN STRALISS IS AWAY, FORGET PEACE TALKS...
THERE MAY OCCUR FULL-SCALE WAR BE-TWEEN THE SABERHA-GEN-LED HUMANS AND THE VAMPIRE RACE...!
IT'S... MOTHER SO... EVEN IF I DIE...
SHE WILL PROBABLY... MAKE IT SEEM LIKE NOTHING...
IF PRINCESS... CAN KEEP... EVERYTHING YOU SAW TONIGHT... A SECRET...
IT WILL... PROTECT THE PEACE...
BUT... BUT STELLA!!

IF STRAUSS.. FOUND OUT THAT... I WAS
ALSO
THE ENEMY'S DAUGHTER.. HOW WOULD... HE FEEL
UGH...
DON'T MOVE! IT WILL OPEN THE WOUND!!
IT SEEMS.. THERE MAY BE TOO MANY MISUNDERSTANDINGS AND SO
I NEVER COULD.. TALK ABOUT MOTHER.
NO MATTER HOW MUCH STRAUSS TRUSTS STELL. THERE WILL STILL BE DOUBT REMAINING

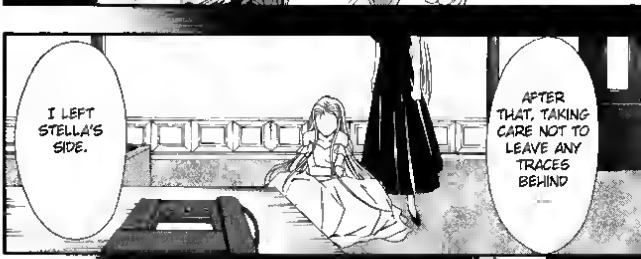
I WOULD HATE... FOR STRAUSS TO BE... IN PAIN SO...
AFTER... I DIE...
THIS IS TOO MUCH! EVEN THOUGH THIS GIRL IS SO PURE...
AND BECAUSE OF HIS LOVE FOR STELLA IT WILL CAUSE HIM PAIN...
YOU ABOUT TO DIE YOU KNOW!?
YOU HAVE BEEN THINKING ABOUT OTHERS ALL THIS TIME...
DO YOU NOT FEEL MADDENED?
DO YOU NOT FEEL VEXED?
HAS BECOME THIS TERRIBLE SIGHT!
EVEN THE B...BY ...

WHY ARE YOU SMILING !!
IF IT IS_SUCH A TERRIBLE THING ...
IF I DON'T SMILE UNTIL THE END...
EVERYTHING .. WILL END .. WITH TERRIBLE THINGS .. WOULDN'T IT ..
STELLA!
ISN'T THAT... JUST SO... SAD...
IN LIFE.. IT IS NOT ALL JUST... HAPPY... THINGS ...
BUT A HUMAN'S INTELLIGENCE... CAN FIND A WAY... THROUGH ALL OF THAT ...

SEE... IF I DIE SMILING ...
STRAUSS MAY BE... SAVED... A LITTLE ...
SEEM SO SMALL AND INSIGNIFICANT.
BEFORE THE BEAUTIFUL SOUL OF THIS GIRL, SABER-H GEN AND I ...
I FEEL LIKE I AM ABOUT TO CRY.
WELL... ACTUALLY ...
THERE IS NO WAY WE CAN MEASURE UP ...
AAH

EVEN IF... I DIE, MY CHILD'S AND MY SOULS WILL...
FOREVER... WISH FOR STRAUSS'S HAPPINESS...
I DON'T . MIND ANYMORE
PLEASE RUN...
MOTHER WILL... PROBABLY DESTROY IT IF SHE SEES IT... SO...
EVEN THOUGH STRAUSS TOOK THE EFFORT IN MAKING IT...
THIS... WILL YOU KEEP IT FOR ME...?
ALSO...
YES
IF POSSIBLE . LATER ON
COULD YOU SECRETLY BURY IT... IN MY GRAVE FOR ME...

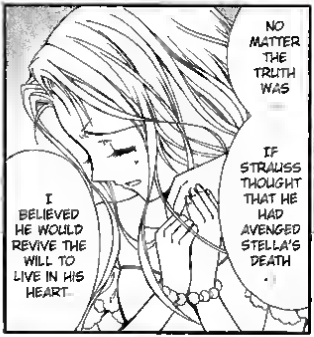
I PROMISE.
DEFI-
NITELY.

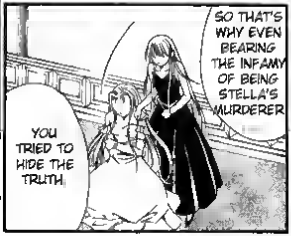

AFTER THAT, TAKING CARE NOT TO LEAVE ANY TRACES BEHIND
I LEFT STELLA'S SIDE.

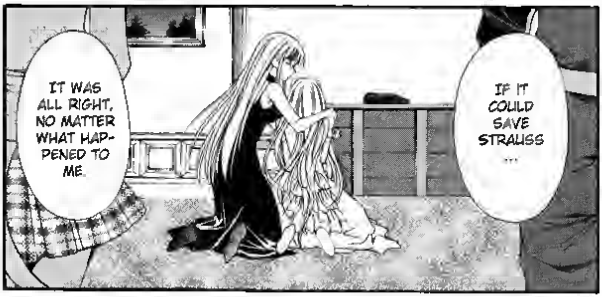
SABERHAGEN PROBABLY CAME AFTER THAT TO DO THE NECES-SARY WORK
LATER I HEARD FROM SISTER
STELLA SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN KILLED BY A PERSON FROM AN-OTHER COUNTRY BUT...

I GUESS THAT MEANS SABERHAGEN DID IT WELL.
IN ORDER NOT TO START A WAR STRAUSS HID THE DEATH
FOR THAT REASON I COULD NOT EASILY FIND STELLA'S BURIAL GROUND...
I HEARD THAT HE BURIED HER IN SECRET
AND THAT NECKLACE ENDED UP BEING KEPT BY ME
I INTENDED TO KEEP QUIET ABOUT IT FOR ALL MY LIFE
BECAUSE THIS SORT OF TRUTH... IS NO GOOD TO ANYONE
IF AT THAT TIME STRAUSS KNEW THE TRUTH...
HE MIGHT HAVE GONE ON A RAMPAGE TO KILL SABERHAGEN...

IF I HAD KNOWN SHE WAS SABER-HAGEN'S DAUGHTER I MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO TRUST HER.
AND THAT SUFFER-ING MIGHT HAVE BEEN UNMEA-SUR-ABLE


NO MATTER THE TRUTH WAS
IF STRAUSS THOUGHT THAT HE HAD AVENGED STELLA'S DEATH
I BELIEVED HE WOULD REVIVE THE WILL TO LIVE IN HIS HEART


SO THAT'S WHY EVEN BEARING THE INFAMY OF BEING STELLA'S MURDERER
YOU TRIED TO HIDE THE TRUTH


IT WAS ALL RIGHT, NO MATTER WHAT HAP-PENED TO ME.
IF IT COULD SAVE STRAUSS ...

WHEN I FOUND OUT ALL THIS...
IT HAD ALREADY BEEN ONE YEAR SINCE YOU WERE SEALED.
WHEN I FOUND OUT SABERHAGEN HAD JUST FINISHED SCATTERING THE FAKE SEALS.
AT FIRST, IN ORDER TO LENGTHEN THE BATTLE WITH THE BLOODLINE...
I WANTED TO DELAY YOUR REVIVAL FOR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE.
SO I THOUGHT IF I KNEW WHICH WERE THE FAKE ONES I COULD AVOID DESTROYING THE REAL ONE...
I ATTEMPTED TO FIND OUT FROM HER...
BUT INSTEAD...
I FOUND OUT THIS TRUTH
IN THE END... UNTIL THE END...
I DID NOT KNOW ANYTHING.

ADELHEID ...
AFTER THAT I WANTED TO AWAKE YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND APOLOGIZE...
IF YOU WERE REVIVED THE BATTLE WITH THE BLOODLINE WOULD BECOME DIFFICULT BUT...
I WANTED TO YOU TO GET BACK YOUR MOONLIT SKY...
EVEN SO...
NO...
MY HANDS ARE ...
SOAKED IN STELLA'S BLOOD.

AT THAT TIME THOUGH I REALIZED SABERHAGEN'S KILLING INTENT
I DID NOT DO ANYTHING
THOUGH I COULD HAVE SAVED STELLA WITH THESE HANDS
I ONLY COWARDLY KEPT QUIET AND WATCHED
I SHOULD BE PUNISHED.
A BLOOD-BATHED QUEEN SHOULD NOT RECEIVE THE MOON'S BLESSING
AKA-BARA
DID YOU TAKE YOUR REVENGE ON THAT WOMAN?
DID YOU EVER KILL SABER-HAGEN?

IF I KILLED HER, STELLA WOULD HAVE BEEN SADDENED.
DESPITE WHAT HAPPENED, SHE IS STILL STELLA'S MOTHER.
HOW COULD I?
WHO ON EARTH WAS IN THE WRONG?
THEN...
カシャン
...DON'T HATE ANYONE
WHO SHOULD WE BE HATING!?
TO HATE SOMEONE AND BE HAPPY
IT IS INEXCUSABLE...

BUT NOW, IT IS TRUE THAT WE HAVE SOMETHING WE NEED TO COOPERATE ON!
FACE THE FUTURE!
I UNDERSTAND YOUR UNRELIVABLE FEELINGS
LET US LAMENT LATER..
WE WILL ALL BE DESTROYED!
NOW IF WE DON'T DESTROY BIG MOURA...
IT IS A SITUATION I WANT TO AVOID BUT..
!?
MORISHIMA, DON'T BE SO HASTY.
DO YOU THINK I DID NOT CONSIDER THIS SITUATION?
I HAVE ALREADY CONSIDERED ALL POSSIBLE ACTIONS AND STRATEGIES FOR ANY SCENARIO
INCLUDING THOSE INVOLVING BIG MOURA

WELL THEN . .
LET'S TALK ABOUT THAT

DO WE ALL STILL ...
HAVE THINGS WE DO NOT WISH TO LOSE?

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CHAPTER 35
ONCE AGAIN, THE SKY FALLS.
KAYUKI,
LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE BACK TO PERFECT HEALTH.
.....
OH?

...
THERE'S GOOD NEWS
WE'VE SUCCEEDED IN RESURRECTING THE VAMPIRE QUEEN.
CHAPTER 35
ONCE AGAIN, THE SKY FALLS.
OH.. IS THAT SO?
AND SHE IS ON HER WAY HERE ALONG WITH THE DISPATCHED GROUP
HER CONDITION HAS STABILIZED,
FURTHERMORE, BRIDGET WILL ONCE AGAIN BE ABLE TO PUT HER EFFORT INTO DEFENDING THE ISLAND
SO WE DO NOT NEED TO FEAR OUTSIDE ATTACKS ANY MORE
THEREFORE

THERE'S NO LONGER ANY REASON FOR ME TO LET YOU MOVE AROUND SO FREELY
AS ... AS USUAL,
YOUR METHODS LACK REFINE-MENT
SAY WHAT YOU WILL
*SOUND OF COUGHING UP BLOOD
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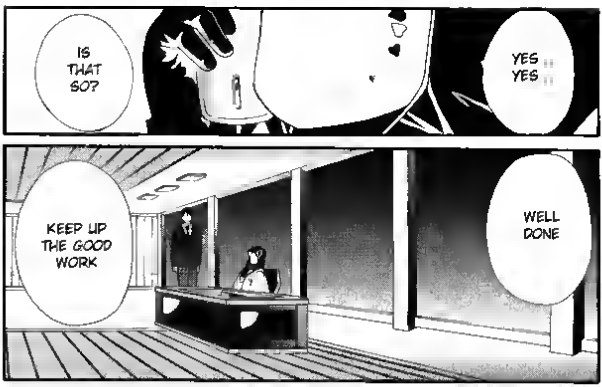
IT'S NOT OVER YET.
I'LL MAKE SURE
THAT YOU WON'T EVEN BE ABLE TO STAND PROPERLY FOR AT LEAST A WEEK


YES YES
IS THAT SO?
WELL DONE
KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK

I SEE... WE WERE ABLE TO SEAL THE VAMPIRE KING SOMEHOW
THAT'S RIGHT. WE
IT SHOULDN'T BE LONG BEFORE WE REGAIN THE ADVANTAGE
THUS, WE'LL BE ABLE TO TURN OUR ATTENTION TO THE OPPOSING FORCES
HAVE TO TAKE OUR WORLD BACK FROM THEM

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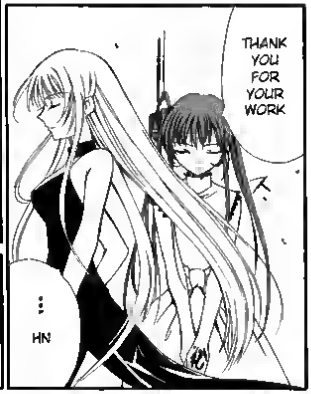
AND... HOW IS THE QUEEN?


THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK
HN

SHE HAD JUST AWAKENED SUDDENLY TO A WORLD THOUSAND YEARS LATER
SO THERE ARE MANY THINGS SHE ISN'T USED TO YET

BUT SHE UNDER-STANDS THAT
AKABANE STILL HATES AND WISHES TO KILL HER

ON THAT POINT IT SHOULD BE EASY FOR MISS KAYUKI TO DEAL WITH HER AS WELL

SHE PROBABLY KNOWS THAT IT'LL BE BAD FOR HER IF SHE DIDN'T HAVE OUR SUPPORT
THANKS TO THAT SHE'LL DO ANYTHING WE TELL HER TO

KAYUKI SHOULD STAY WITH THE QUEEN AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE FROM NOW ON
EVEN IF THE VAMPIRE KING SHOULD ATTACK THE QUEEN,
IF YOU'RE NEARBY, THERE WON'T BE ANY PROBLEM
ALSO, SHOULD THE QUEEN LOSE CONTROL OF HER POWER, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO HANDLE IT
I UNDERSTAND
I'VE ALREADY TAKEN CARE OF THE VAMPIRE KING
HE PROBABLY WON'T EVEN BE ABLE TO STAND FOR AT LEAST A WEEK
BUT THIS IS AKABARA WE'RE TALKING ABOUT
EVEN WITH THAT WE CAN'T LET OUR GUARD DOWN
THAT'S TRUE
ON TOP OF THAT
...

OUR WORRIES ARE EVER INCREASING
AND DESTROY THE BIKKU-MOURA
WE'LL BE GOING TO MAKE THE QUEEN AND KING, WHO HAVE A DANGEROUS AND UNSTABLE RELATIONSHIP, COOPERATE.
ADELHEID WILL PRACTICE CONTROLLING HER POWER ON THE SHIP
FOR THE SAKE OF PROTEC-TION
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE LITTLE LADY?
SO USE THEM AS YOU SEE FIT
I'LL LEAVE FUUHAKU AND ETHEL HERE AND RENKA AS WELL,

SHE'LL BE ACCOMPANYING THE QUEEN IN HER PRACTICE
SHE'S NOT GOOD AT CONTROLLING HER MAGIC EITHER, SO IT SEEMS THAT THEY GET ALONG WELL.
BUT...
LEAVING SOMEONE ON THE VAMPIRE KING'S SIDE NEAR THE QUEEN IS...
IT'LL BE BOTHERSOME IF SHE IS ABLE TO MOVE ABOUT FREELY AND GIVE AKABARA EXTRA INFORMATION
MY NET HAS ALSO BEEN SPREAD OVER THE SHIP
IT'LL BE EASIER ON YOU TOO, SINCE YOU'LL BE ABLE TO KEEP WATCH ON BOTH ADELHEIT AND HER AT THE SAME TIME
.....
I UNDERSTAND

OF COURSE
THEN I'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS SIDE
YOU TOO, SHOULD TAKE CARE IN KEEPING WATCH ON THE ISLAND AND THE VAMPIRE KING
AND WE'LL DEFINITELY USE THIS CHANCE TO DESTROY THE DANGER-OUS BLOODLINE OF THE VAMPIRES!
THIS IS THE REAL DEAL USING ALL THE VAMPIRES AND DHAMPIRES, WE WILL SUCCESS-FULLY DESTROY THE BIKKUMOURA
IT SEEMS THAT

YOU WEREN'T DOUBTED BY MISS K. YUKI AT ALL
OF COURSE NOT. HOW CAN I NOT AT LEAST BE ABLE TO DECEIVE A LITTLE GIRL?

REALLY. THERE'S NO WASTE IN THAT MAN'S METHODS
AND DUE TO THAT SENSE OF SATISFACTION, SHE'S GOTTEN CARELESS

BESIDES,
STRAUSS MADE IT STRESSFUL FOR HER BEFOREHAND
AND SHE WAS FINALLY ABLE TO LET ALL THE STRESS OUT

MAKE SURE THAT HE DOES NOT BECOME SUSPICIOUS OF YOU
I'LL DO MY BEST TO HELP TOO

THAT'LL BE HELPFUL

THE PROBLEM IS GOZEN
ESPECIALLY FOR YOU, SINCE YOU HAVE TO BE IN CONTACT WITH HIM REPEATEDLY

SINCE I MADE THE BIG DECISION TO BECOME A TRAITOR,
I'LL NEED YOU TO LOOK OUT FOR ME FOR A LONG TIME
--WELL, ALTHOUGH I SAY THAT I'M A TRAITOR,
THIS SHOULD BE THE BEST PATH TO TAKE EVEN FOR THE HUMANS
VAMPIRE KING,
HOW ARE YOU GOING TO CONNECT THIS TO THE DESTRUCTION OF BIKKUMOURA?

I HAVE BOTH THE WILL AND THE POWER TO DESTROY...
SO WHAT IS THERE TO BE WORRIED ABOUT?
HONESTLY, THERE'S NO REAL PROBLEM UP TO THE DESTRUCTION OF BIKKUMOURA
EH? WELL, THAT'S TRUE...
THERE'S NO LONGER ROOM FOR DISTRUST NOW THAT WE KNOW THE TRUTH
YOU WOULD PROBABLY DO IT EVEN IF WE LEFT YOU ALONE
IF YOU HAVE NO DESIRE TO KILL THE QUEEN AND IF THE PRESERVATION OF THE BLOODLINE IS YOUR GREATEST GOAL, THEN
THAT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT I SHOULD BE WORRYING OVER
THE QUEEN WILL HAVE TO LEARN TO CONTROL HER POWERS, BUT...
TO MAKE SURE THAT HER POWERS DON'T GO RAMPANT AGAIN,

...IN THAT SENSE, DOES THAT MEAN THERE'S NO WORK LEFT FOR ME TO DO?
...THE PROBLEM IS AFTER BIKKURIMOURI'S DESTRUCTION
REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT THERE'S A METHOD TO TURN DHAMPIRES INTO HUMANS
GOZEN WILL SURELY WANT TO PUT AN END TO THE VAMPIRE BLOODLINE
IN REALITY, SUCH A METHOD DOES NOT EXIST
AND THE DHAMPIRS, WHOSE EXISTENCE IS KNOWN TO HUMANS,
WILL BE PUT IN A HARSH SITUATION WHETHER THEY LIKE IT OR NOT
...BRIDGET
WHEN I PROTECTED THE ISLAND AT MIDDAY,
DID YOU MANIPULATE THE INFO IN ORDER TO LESSEN GOZEN'S FORCES?

YES
I SENT THE ANTI-GOZEN GROUPS FALSE INFOR-MATION
THAT "WHILE PUTTING UP A FACADE OF BEING AGAINST ALIEN SEIJINFUIO, GOZEN IS ACTUALLY WORKING WITH THEM,
AND MAKING A DEAL TO ENSURE HIS LAND HOLDINGS IN RETURN FOR HANDING EARTH OVER TO THEM"
A... ANE-SAN!
DO YOU MEAN TO MAKE GOZEN OUT TO BE A TRAITOR TO THE HUMAN RACE!?
IN THE FALSE INFORM-ATION
I'VE ALSO MIXED REPORTS THAT "THE INTERCEPTION OF THE MISSILE WAS ACHIEVED USING EXTRATERRESTRIAL WEAPONS GAINED FROM THOSE DEALINGS"
IT'S MUCH MORE BELIEVABLE THAN SAYING IT WAS DONE BY VAMPIRES

THEN, EVEN IF THE BIKKUMOURA DISAPPEARED, THE DISTRUST FOR GOZEN WILL REMAIN,
AND PEOPLE WILL BE SKEPTICAL ABOUT THE EXISTENCE OF VAMPIRES
EVEN NOW THE DISTRUST FOR GOZEN IS HEIGHTENING
YOU PASS
YOU'VE BEEN MAKING PREPARATIONS, CORRECT?
OF COURSE
THERE PROBABLY WON'T BE ANYONE BENT TO EXTERMINATE THE DHAMPIRES ANYMORE
NOW, IF WE JUST MAKE IT SO THAT THE OPPOSITION GROUP WILL GET RID OF GOZEN
ONCE THINGS ARE OVER, GOZEN WILL PROBABLY BE A THING OF THE PAST,
SO THE VAMPIRE KING HAD ALREADY CONSIDERED THIS FAR ...!
I SEE

WITHOUT COMING INTO CONFLICT WITH THE HUMANS,
WE WILL BE ABLE TO HIDE IN THE NIGHT ONCE AGAIN
*SHINRYOENSOU LITERALLY MEANS "UNDERSTANDING VERY DEEPLY AND PLANNING FAR AHEAD"
SO DOES THAT MEAN THAT EVERYTHING WAS INSIDE THE PALM OF THIS DEMON'S HANDS?
I GUESS THIS IS WHAT THEY CALL SHINRYOENSOU*
RE-AL-LY
I DO HAVE A NEW PLAN, BUT ...
TIA
TO GATHER AND SUPPORT THOSE OF THE BLOODLINE, WE WILL NEED A NEW PLAN
HOW-EVER
IT WOULD PROBABLY BE IMPOSSIBLE TO FIGHT WITH ME AS BEFORE
EVEN IF WE HIDE IN THE NIGHT AGAIN,

FUUHAKU ETHEL
RENKA
ESPECIALLY FOR YOU ALL, YOU MUST FEEL ANNOYED TO HAVE TO LISTEN TO MY SUGGESTIONS
LISTEN TO MY PLAN
HOWEVER, FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR COMRADES, PLEASE KEEP QUIET ABOUT THE TRUTH
... THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU TO TELL US THAT
AS THINGS ARE NOW, WE CANNOT MOVE TOO CARELESSLY
I WILL JUST FOLLOW BRIDGET-SAN'S WISHES
SORRY TO TROUBLE YOU ALL !
... THANK YOU,
...I WON'T GET IN YOUR WAY FOR NOW
I DON'T UNDERSTAND ANYTHING, EITHER

I DID TAKE SOMETHING PRECIOUS FROM YOU
THAT WILL BE FINE
BUT I CAN'T FORGIVE YOU
ADELHEID, I HAVE THINGS FOR YOU TO DO, AS WELL
I'LL BE ASKING A LOT OF YOU, BUT
YOU NEEDN'T WORRY
AT THIS POINT, WHAT COULD THERE BE LEFT FOR ME TO FEAR OR REGRET?

I'LL FOLLOW YOU ANYWHERE !
I WAS STRAUSS'S SUPPORTER FROM THE BEGINNING !
HEY, HEY!
SURE,
YOU'LL BE A BIG HELP
HE HE ...
WELL THEN
MORI-SHIMA, WHAT WILL YOU DO?
EH?
OF COURSE, THEY MUST BE KEPT SECRET FROM GOZEN
THE THINGS THAT WE'VE TALKED ABOUT UP TILL NOW, THE PLAN I'M ABOUT TO TALK ABOUT ---

THEN, YOU WHO ARE ON GOZEN'S SIDE, WHAT WILL YOU DO?
I MYSELF WOULD WELCOME A HUMAN COOPERATOR.
.....
WHAT ELSE CAN I DO?
I DO OWE GOZEN, BUT
.....
IF I THINK FOR THE GOOD OF HUMANS IN GENERAL
IT SEEMS THAT IT WOULD BE FOR THE BEST TO LEAVE EVERYTHING TO YOU
BE-SIDES

THEN, VAMPIRE KING, LET US HEAR IT
THIS NEW PLAN OF YOURS
TO GIVE MY ALL FOR A BEAUTIFUL LADY RATHER THAN AN OLD MAN BEHIND A MASK
WOULD BE MUCH MORE FUN, RIGHT?
THOUGH I MUST SAY THAT, TO GOZEN I'M AS GOOD AS A COMPLETE TRAITOR
AND I WAS PREPARED FOR THE BAD AFTERTASTE THE BETRAYAL WOULD LEAVE, BUT
IN REALITY, RATHER THAN LEAVING A BAD AFTERTASTE, WHAT I'M DOING NOW GIVES ME MUCH MORE SATISFACTION

AH
THANK YOU FOR THE HARD WORK, BOTH OF YOU

WE'VE RET-URN-ED!
?.....!

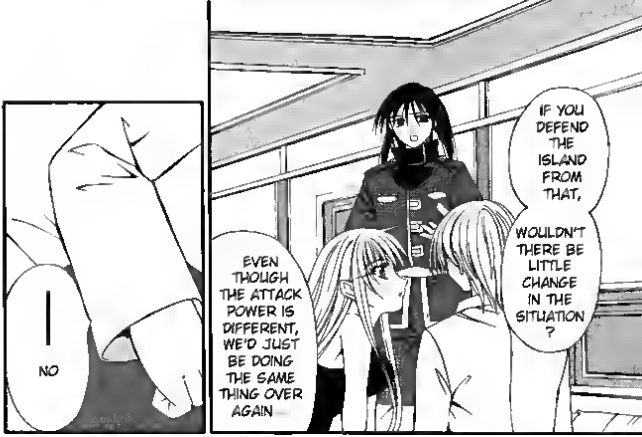
PLEASE BE A LITTLE MORE GENTLE... UNEXPECTEDLY, MY WOUNDS KIND OF HURT
I'M SORRY ...
BUT ... BECAUSE ...!
CURSE THAT BLACK SWAN,
TO INJURE STRAUSS THIS MUCH!
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
YOUR BODY HAS TAKEN SO MUCH DAMAGE
EVEN YOUR PULSE IS UNSTABLE!

I'M LETTING HER DO THIS ON PURPOSE SO THAT SHE'D BE OFF GUARD,
SO DON'T MAKE SUCH A BIG DEAL OF IT
BUT……
……
EVEN THAT ANE-SAN IS LIKE THAT IN FRONT OF HIM
I GUESS THAT JUST MEANS THAT IN THE END, THERE'S NO ONE WHO'S UP TO HIS LEVEL
MORISHIMA, ABOUT GOZEN'S SIDE'S SCHEDULE FROM NOW ON
DID YOU FIND EVERY-THING?
YES,
EVERY-THING
THEY'VE MOVED UP THE PLANNED DATE FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF BIKKUMOURA
THEY ARE GETTING HASTY

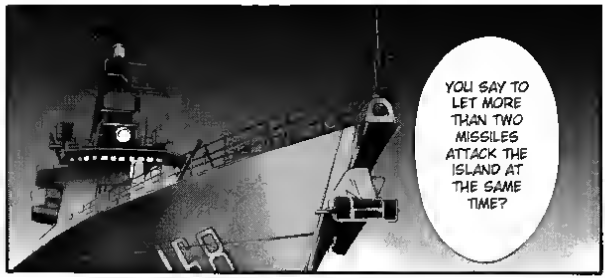
LITTLE-MOURA LANDS
OPPOSITION GROUPS IN OTHER COUNTRIES ARE ACTIVELY MOVING
WELL, EVEN THAT
IS PROBABLY PART OF YOUR PLAN
WELL, THEY ARE PRACTICALLY STANDING ON FIRE THANKS TO LADY BRIDGET'S INFORMATION MANIPULATION
HOWEVER, EVEN THOUGH WE AIM TO MAKE GOZEN LOSE HIS STANDING IN THE END,
IF WE LET THE OPPOSITION GROUPS GET OUT OF HAND, WE'LL LOSE MATERIALS AND THE RIGHT TO AIRSPACE,
AND, WORST-CASE SCENARIO, THERE'S A POSSIBILITY THAT WE WON'T BE ABLE TO LAUNCH TSUKUYOKI-GOU
IT MIGHT BE BETTER TO LOOSEN OUR GRIP A LITTLE
HEH, ...
REGARDLESS OF WHAT THE OPPOSITION DOES

SO DON'T WORRY !
IS IT TASTY —?
I WON'T LET ANYTHING GET IN STRAUSS'S WAY
NO, LET'S HASTEN IT INSTEAD
SO THAT THE OPPOSITION WOULD CUT DEEPER INTO GOZEN'S REMAINING FORCES?
THEN, SHOULD WE DELAY THE SCHEDULE UP TO THE DESTRUCTION OF BIKKUMOLIRA
BESIDES, IF WE LEAVE THE CURRENT SITUATION ALONE FOR TOO LONG, THE DAMAGE TO SOCIETY WOULD BE TOO LARGE
AND CORNER HIM BEFORE HE CAN THINK OF A COUNTER STRATEGY
LET'S MAKE THE SITUATION MOVE FASTER THAN GOZEN HAD IMAGINED,

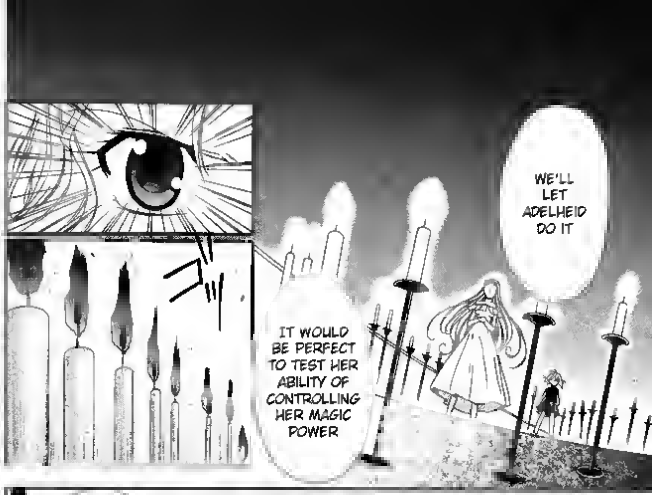
CRIME RATES, AS WELL AS DEATH AND INJURY RATES, ARE INCREASING AROUND THE WORLD TOO
WITH THE EXISTENCE OF BIKKUMOUR ALONE, THE PEOPLE WILL FEEL UNEASY, AND CUT OFF BUSINESS
THAT'S TRUE
PLEASE MAKE IT FROM BEHIND THE SCENES SO THAT THE ANTI-GOZEN GROUPS
WILL LAUNCH SEVERAL MISSILES AT THIS ISLAND
FOR THAT REASON, BRIDGET
IF WE JUST GAVE THEM A REASON, I'M SURE THAT THEY'D PUT THEIR PLAIN INTO ACTION, BUT...
THE ANTI-GOZEN GROUPS HAVE WANTED TO DO JUST THAT
...HONESTLY, SINCE THE LAST FAILURE,


IF YOU DEFEND THE ISLAND FROM THAT,
WOULDN'T THERE BE LITTLE CHANGE IN THE SITUATION ?
EVEN THOUGH THE ATTACK POWER IS DIFFERENT, WE'D JUST BE DOING THE SAME THING OVER AGAIN
NO

IF MY READING OF THE SITUATION IS CORRECT,
THEN IT WILL CHANGE THE SITUATION DRASTICALLY


YOU SAY TO LET MORE THAN TWO MISSILES ATTACK THE ISLAND AT THE SAME TIME?

BRIDGET, YOU...
WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING ?
IF WE RESTRICT THE OPPOSITION TOO MUCH NOW,
THEY WILL MAKE ATTACKS IN DESPERATION LATER ON
EVEN THOUGH WE CAN DEFEND AGAINST IT WITHOUT DIFFICULTY,
IF WE ARE ATTACKED DURING THE NERVE-WRACKING LAUNCHING OF TSUKUYOMI-GOU
IT WOULD BE ANNOYING, RIGHT?
IT'S NOTHING MORE THAN LETTING THE OPPOSITION'S STEAM OUT BEFOREHAND
BUT HOW ARE WE GOING TO INTERCEPT THE MISSILES
THE VAMPIRE KING CAN'T MOVE YET


WE'LL LET ADELHEID DO IT
IT WOULD BE PERFECT TO TEST HER ABILITY OF CONTROLLING HER MAGIC POWER

FROM WHAT WE CAN SEE, THERE'S NO PROBLEM IN HER CONTROL

IT WAS A LITTLE UNEXPECTED
FROM WHAT I HEARD, I THOUGHT HER TO BE MUCH MORE DELICATE

SO WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO LEAVE IT IN HER HANDS WITHOUT WORRY
YOU'RE RIGHT. SHE'S IMPROVED UNBELIEVABLY QUICKLY IN THIS SHORT PERIOD OF TIME
HER CONCENTRATION DURING TRAINING IS ALMOST SCARY

IT'S ALMOST EMBARRASSING THAT I HAD CALLED HER MY "CUTE LITTLE SISTER".
IT WOULD TROUBLESOME IF SHE HADN'T SHAPED UP A LITTLE
SIGH
IS HOLDING UP MUCH BETTER THAN I AM
REALLY ADELHEID
IT MIGHT BE SOMETHING OF AN ENTERTAINMENT TO US
WE'LL BE INTERCEPTING THE MISSILE TONIGHT
STRALISS . JUST WHAT DO YOU PREDICT WILL HAPPEN?
I GAVE BLACK SWAN A SUPERFICIAL EXPLANATION BUT . EVEN I DON'T KNOW THE REASON FOR MAKING THE OPPOSITION LAUNCH THE MISSILES

THERE'S NOT A SINGLE PIECE OF TRUST-WORTHY INFOR-MATION!
BUT I CAN'T JUST IGNORE THE SUSPICION THAT THE MASK IS COLLUDING WITH THE ALIENS
DEPEND-ING ON THE RESULT OF THE ATTACK
IT'S TOO INSANE
TO LAUNCH THREE MISSILES ARMED WITH NUCLEAR WARHEADS
ALL AT THE SAME TARGET...
THE ORDER HAS ALREADY BEEN GIVEN
REGARD-LESS OF WHETHER IT SUCCEEDS OR FAILS,
IT DEFINITELY WON'T END WELL

THE MISSILE WILL
BE LAUNCHED FROM 10000 KILOMETERS AWAY, PENETRATING THE ATMOSPHERE
FINALLY, FROM A HEIGHT OF OVER 1000 KILOMETERS, IT WILL DROP
NUCLEAR WARHEADS TOWARD THIS ISLAND

THERE ARE THREE MISSILES, CARRYING ABOUT TEN WARHEADS
SPEED IS AT ABOUT MACH TWENTY OR SO
I WILL ALSO HELP IN LOCKING ON TO THE TARGETS, BUT
AS YOU'RE NOW, YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO INTERCEPT THE MISSILES
IT'S ALMOST THE PREDICTED LAUNCH TIME, BUT
AS OF NOW THERE ARE NO IRREGULARITIES ON THE RADAR
WHO KNOWS WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN? IT'S SOMETHING TO BREAK A COLD SWEAT OVER.

AKABARA-SAN, WHAT KIND OF MISCHIEF ARE YOU PLANNING NOW?
RECENTLY, LEE-SAN'S ALSO BEEN DOING SOMETHING WHILE KEEPING IT A SECRET FROM ME
DON'T SAY THAT
I'M ALWAYS FULL OF GOOD INTEN-TIONS
IT'S COMING
SLBM 3 MISSILES
HAVE BEEN LAUNCHED FROM THREE LOCATIONS AT THE SAME TIME!

THERE'S LITTLE DIFFERENCE IN THE ARRIVAL TIME
THE TWENTY-FIVE MINUTES IT'S IN AIR IS OUR CHANCE
CURRENTLY AT A HEIGHT OF 100 KILOMETERS
WE'VE CAUGHT THEM ON RADAR!
THREE MISSILES..!
HEIGHT 200!
300!

HEIGHT
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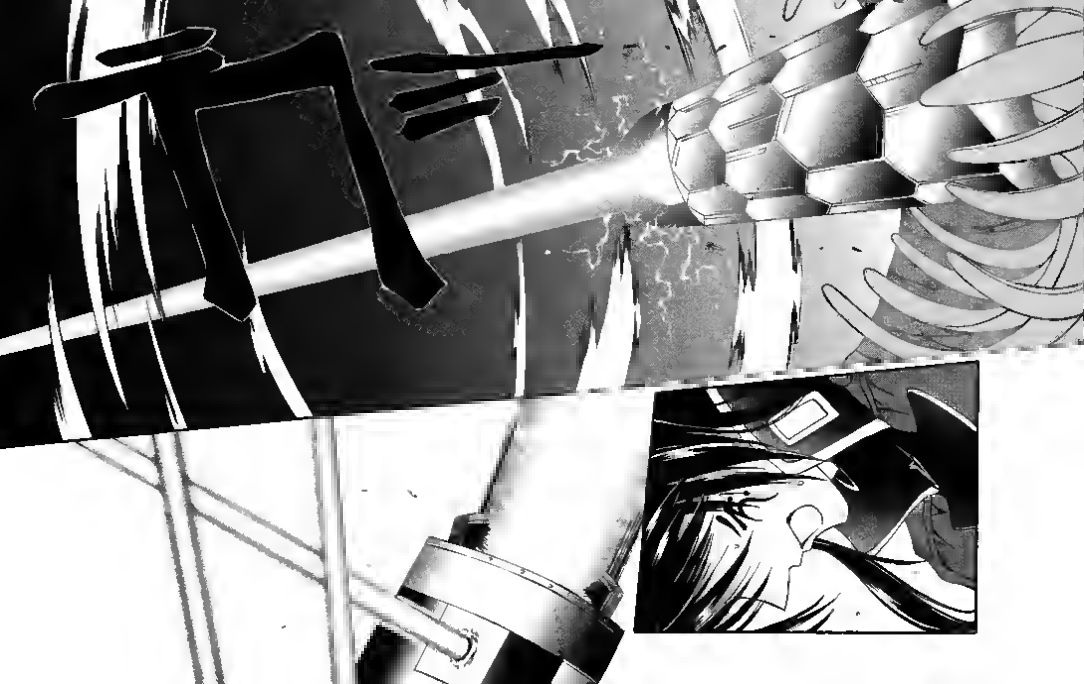
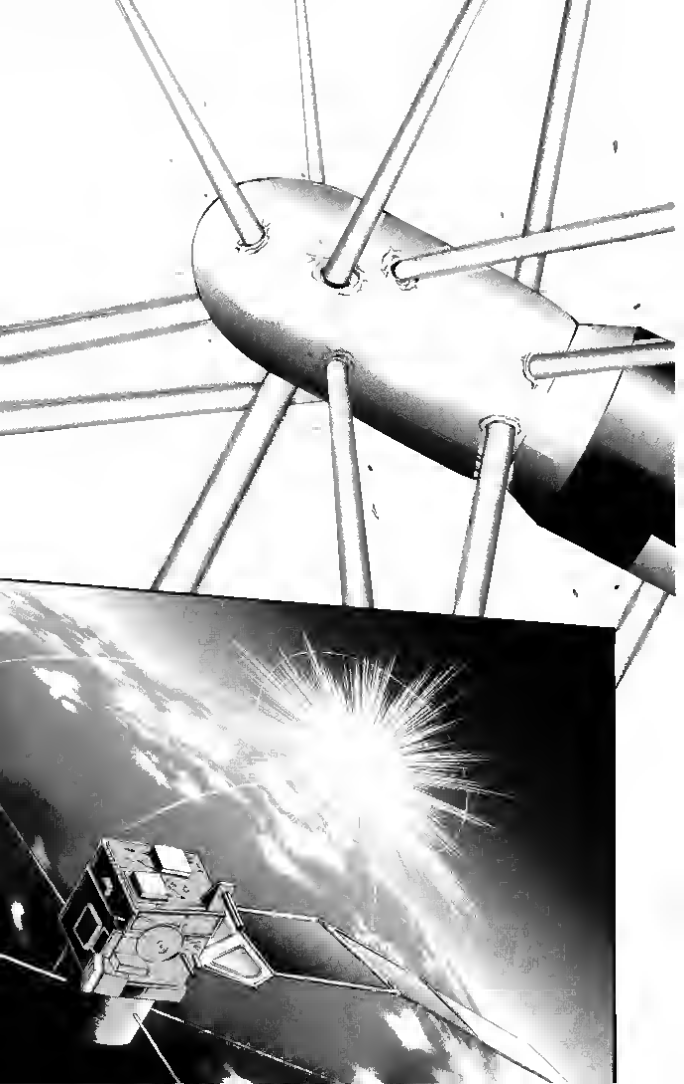
WHAT?
FROM THE SEVERAL TENS OF LITTLE-MOURA ON EARTH
WE ARE GETTING HIGH-ENERGY REAC-TIONS !?

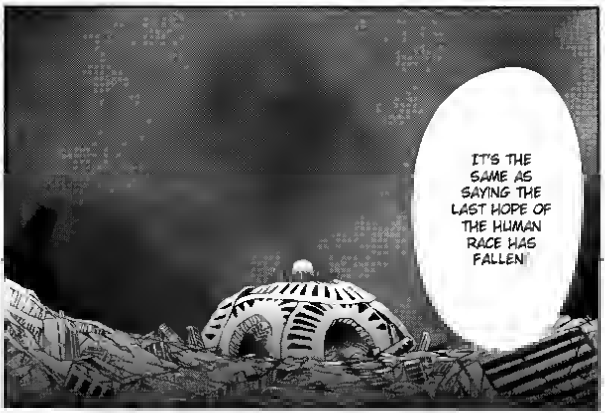




I DON'T BELIEVE IT! THE LITTLE-MOUR
SHOT DOWN THE MISSILES
ALL MISSILES
HAVE BEEN DES-TROYED
AS I HAD EXPECTED, THEY HAD IT SET UP THIS WAY
IT'S PROBABLY BEEN SET SO THAT ONCE AN OBJECT, LAUNCHED FROM EARTH THAT EXCEEDS A CERTAIN SIZE AND SPEED
REACHES A CERTAIN HEIGHT,
THE LITTLE-MOURA FROM CORRES-PONDING LOCATIONS WILL REACT

JUST ...
FOR WHAT REASON WOULD THEY .....
AND SHOOT IT DOWN
SHOO-TING DOWN OBJECTS OF CERTAIN SIZE AND SPEED
THAT REACH A CERTAIN HEIGHT ...
THEN WHAT ABOUT TSUKUYOMI -GOU!?
AS A LAUN-CHED OBJECT
IT'S NOT THAT MUCH DIFFERENT FROM THE MISSILES!
IF WE LAUNCHED IT, IT WOULD RECEIVE ATTACKS FROM THE LITTLE-MOURA
AND IT WILL BE SHOT DOWN ..!
... THEN

AKABARA SAN AND THE OTHERS TO THE BIKKUMOURA!
THEN WE WON'T BE ABLE TO SEND


IT'S THE SAME AS SAYING THE LAST HOPE OF THE HUMAN RACE HAS FALLEN!

WHAT SHOULD WE DO ... ?
WELL NOW,

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CHAPTER 36: THE CELESTIAL SPHERE OF FEATHERS

We beg for your forgiveness...

In peeparation foe the one in ten thousandth chance that an attack comes here...

We have ensueed that any object shot from the Earth's sueface into outee space will be destroyed at a ceetain height.

If possible, please include this in your considerations and, as soon as possible

...

Please hand over half of the Earth...

If you do not do so, we're sorry, but we will forcefully seize it through the massacre of humankind.

WAS THIS ALSO EXPECTED BY GM!?
THERE'S A POSSIBILITY THAT ANY PROJECTILE SENT TO OUTER SPACE WILL BE DESTROYED!?
OPERATION OVERMOON HAS BECOME AN IMPOSSIBLE MISSION TO EXECUTE...
WITH THIS, FOR A MANNED ROCKET TO FLY TO BEHIND THE MOON WOULD BE...
THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN DIFFICULT TO PREDICT...
THE GROUP THAT PROMOTED OPPOSING THEM HAS LOST THEIR POSITION AT ONE GO
WITH THIS, HUMANKIND HAS NO CHOICE BUT SURRENDER TO THE SEIJINFIO*
SURELY...
MASTER GM WILL NOT SETTLE FOR SUCH A SITUATION...

* We are now using "seijinfio" to refer to the aliens.

IF SO, IT IS JUST AS WE PREDICTED
IS IT THE TIME OF FORCEFUL SUPPRESSION?
WE MUST TAKE ACTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
IN THAT CASE, WE WILL, IN ORDER TO PROTECT OUR MOTHERLAND
DECIDE TO PASS OVER THE LAND OF OTHER COUNTRIES TO THE SEIJINFIO
BUT WHAT IS GM THINKING ABOUT?
WE MUST NOT FALL FOR THE SEIJINFIO'S STRATEGY!
DO NOT ALLOW WAR TO ERUPT BETWEEN COUNTRIES NOW!
WE MUST GATHER OUR POWER AND PREVENT CONFLICT!

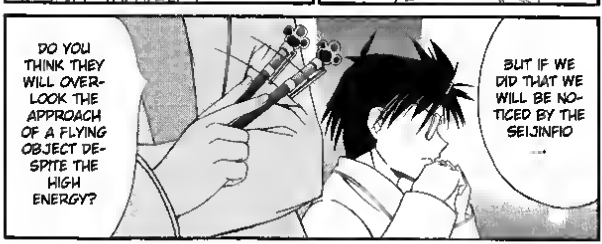
EVEN IF WE FIGHT NOW AMONG HUMANS THERE IS NO MEANING!
EVEN IF WE HAND OVER HALF, THE OTHER HALF WILL EVENTUALLY BE TAKEN TOO!!
BUT GOZEN, IT HAS BECOME CLEAR THAT OPERATION OVERNOON IS A FAILURE
EVEN IF WE AVOID CONFLICT NOW...
YES!!
INSTEAD, WE SHOULD GATHER OUR STRENGTH AND TAKE THE PATH OF RESISTANCE UNTIL THE END!
EVEN IF THERE EXISTS ANYONE WITH A PLAN, THERE IS NONE OTHER THAN THAT UNMATCHABLE MAGICIAN, THE VAMPIRE KING!
I HAVE TO SAY I HAVE REACHED THE END OF MY ROPE
...
BUT THIS PREDICAMENT...
WAS WAITING FOR THIS CHANCE!?
COULD IT BE THAT ... THAT GUY ...

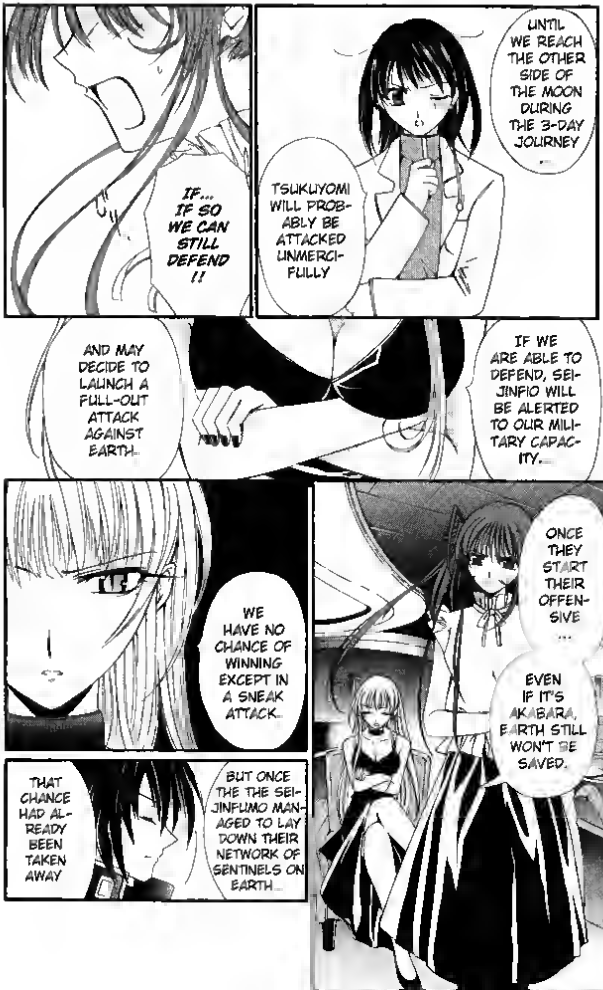
NOT YET!
EVEN IF TSUKUYOMI SUFFERS AN ATTACK FROM BIG MOJRA ...
OPERATION OVER-MOON SHOULD STILL BE POSSIBLE!
WITH MY SPIRITUAL POWER ... ALSO WITH THE VAMPIRE KING AND QUEEN'S MAGICAL POWER, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO DEFEND OURSELVES!

IF SO WE CAN ATTACK THEM BEHIND THE MOON!

IF SO WE CAN ONLY SHAKE THEM OFF!
WE MAY MANAGE BY SETTING UP A ONE-TIME BARRIER. BUT WHAT WOULD WE DO IF WE WERE TRACKED UNTIL COMPLETE DESTRUCTION?

EVEN IF YOU SAY TO DEFEND, THAT ATTACK
IT IS NOT AN HONEST LASER OR BEAM


DO YOU THINK THEY WILL OVERLOOK THE APPROACH OF A FLYING OBJECT DESPITE THE HIGH ENERGY?
BUT IF WE DID THAT WE WILL BE NOTICED BY THE SEIJINFIO


UNTIL WE REACH THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MOON DURING THE 3-DAY JOURNEY...
TSUKUYOMI WILL PROBABLY BE ATTACKED UNMERCIFULLY
IF... IF SO WE CAN STILL DEFEND !!
IF WE ARE ABLE TO DEFEND, SEIJINFIO WILL BE ALERTED TO OUR MILITARY CAPACITY...
AND MAY DECIDE TO LAUNCH A FULL-OUT ATTACK AGAINST EARTH...
ONCE THEY START THEIR OFFENSIVE ...
EVEN IF IT'S AKABARA, EARTH STILL WON'T BE SAVED.
WE HAVE NO CHANCE OF WINNING EXCEPT IN A SNEAK ATTACK...
BUT ONCE THE THE SEIJINFUMO MANAGED TO LAY DOWN THEIR NETWORK OF SENTINELS ON EARTH...
THAT CHANCE HAD ALREADY BEEN TAKEN AWAY

ADMIT IT...
OPERATION OVERMOON HAS TURNED TO ASHES.
NO! NOT YET!
.....NO.
THERE MUST BE A WAY TO LAUNCH AN ATTACK AGAINST [illegible]!
AH.....
ドガ!

GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF.
.....

EVEN IF YOU ARE STUBBORN NOTHING WILL HAPPEN
OUR MILITARY ABILITY IS NOT SO SMALL THERE MUST BE SOME OTHER WAY TO ATTACK

I... I AM FINE!
I DON'T NEED YOUR HELP... ...!!

I UNDERSTAND YOUR FEELINGS BUT

THERE IS NO ONE TO CONTROL THE VAMPIRE KING
...BUT IF I'M NOT AROUND

YOU MUST ALSO BE TIRED
REST FOR A WHILE AND GATHER YOUR STRENGTH.

BUT YOU, IN THAT STATE, WILL NOT BE OF ANY USE YOU KNOW ?
HE IS STILL NOT AT HIS BEST STATE
EVEN IF HE WAS AT HIS NORMAL STATE, WITH THE CURRENT ADELHEID AND I, WE WILL NOT LOSE
.....
IF SO
I SHALL TAKE YOUR ADVICE.
AS EXPECTED SHE BARELY SHOWED HER WEAKNESS BUT
HMPH
IN FACT WE ARE ALSO ABOUT TO GIVE WAY...

STRAUSS SEEMS TO HAVE PREDICTED THIS BEFOREHAND...
AND THOUGHT OF SOMETHING, SO, I CAN JUST KEEP CALM...
ERM...
MAY I HAVE A WORD?
I HAVE A PROPOSITION
CAN WE CALL AKABARA HERE?
IF MY SPECULATION IS CORRECT...
!!?
THAT PERSON MAY HAVE THE STRENGTH TO BRING DOWN BIG MOURA FROM HERE

DO YOU KNOW OF THE "PANSPERMIA THEORY"?
WHAT IS YOUR BASIS OF SAYING SO?
HE~Y MISTER AKABA~RA ...

COME WITH ME!
LEE IS CALLING FOR YOU.
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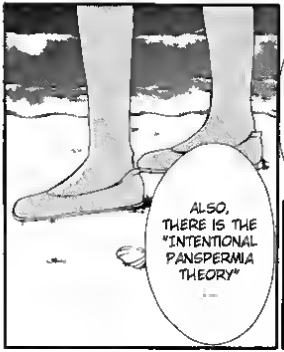
I THOUGHT IT WAS ABOUT THE APPROPRIATE TIME
HEY, AKABARA
HMM?
DO YOU KNOW OF THE "PANSPERMIA THEORY"?
AHH
THE THEORY THAT ALL THE LIFE ON EARTH NOW
ORIGINATES FROM SOME LIFE FROM OUTER SPACE
YES

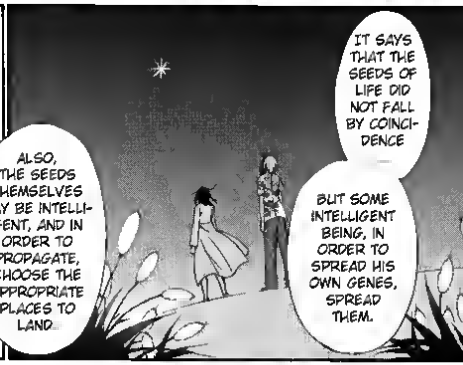
IF ONE THINKS THAT THE TIME WHEN LIFE FIRST APPEARED ON EARTH WAS WHEN THE EARTH WAS BORN
IT IS SAID TO BE TOO UNNATURALLY EARLY.
THAT'S WHY TO EXPLAIN THIS
AT JUST THE RIGHT TIME, FROM OUTER SPACE
BY CHANCE SOME BACTERIA FELL ONTO EARTH
WITH THIS AS ITS BEGINNING EVOLUTION STARTED
AND CREATED EARTH'S CURRENT BIOLOGICAL SYSTEM, THAT'S WHAT IS SAID.
IT IS NOT WIDELY ACCEPTED BUT, THAT THERE ARE SEEDS OF LIFE DRIFTING IN SPACE
IT IS A HYPOTHESIS THAT IS NOT NECESSARILY STUPID.

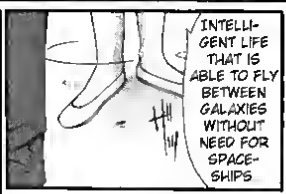

ALSO, THERE IS THE "INTENTIONAL PANSPERMIA THEORY"

THERE ARE SEEDS OF LIFE FALLING FROM OUTER SPACE...
WITH THIS, EVEN NOW ON EARTH...

IT IS ALSO SAID THAT THESE KINDS OF THINGS WILL SOMETIMES CAUSE BACTERIAL SICKNESS...

ALSO, THE SEEDS THEMSELVES MAY BE INTELLIGENT, AND IN ORDER TO PROPAGATE, CHOOSE THE APPROPRIATE PLACES TO LAND...


IT SAYS THAT THE SEEDS OF LIFE DID NOT FALL BY COINCIDENCE...
BUT SOME INTELLIGENT BEING, IN ORDER TO SPREAD HIS OWN GENES, SPREAD THEM.


INTELLIGENT LIFE THAT IS ABLE TO FLY BETWEEN GALAXIES WITHOUT NEED FOR SPACESHIPS

COULD IT BE THAT "VAMPIRES" ...
ORIGINATED FROM THIS TYPE OF ALIEN LIFE FORM?
VAMPIRES ARE ABNORMAL ORGANISMS...
WITH THE SAME BODY FORM AS HUMANS
ABLE TO HAVE CHILDREN WITH HUMANS
WHILE LIVING AS A HUMAN, HAVING STRENGTH FAR BEYOND THAT OF HUMANS
IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO BELIEVE THAT SUCH ORGANISMS EVOLVED IN THE SAME WAY AS WE DID
BUT ...

I DO NOT KNOW THE FORM ...
OF THE ANCESTORS OF "VAMPIRES" ...
IF WE THINK OF THEM AS ORIGINATING FROM INTELLIGENT LIFE THAT CAME INTENTIONALLY FROM OUTER SPACE ...
IT IS NOT IMPOSSIBLE TO UNDERSTAND ...
AND WHEN THEY LANDED ON A SUITABLE PLANET ...
FLEW IN SPACE FOR UP TO MANY THOUSANDS OF YEARS ...
BASICALLY THESE ...
IT CAN BE SAID THAT TO LIVE ON A STAR, IT IS BEST TO IMITATE THE LIFEFORMS THAT EVOLVED ON THAT STAR.
AND IMITATED ITS FORM AND BODILY MECHANISMS.
THEY ABSORBED AND ANALYZED THE GENETIC INFORMATION OF THE LOCAL LIFE FORMS ...
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THAT COULDN'T BE...
ALSO, IF IT IS ABLE TO REPRODUCE WITH THE LOCAL LIFE FORM
IT WILL BE ABLE TO HAVE GENETIC VARIATION.
THERE ISN'T REALLY ANY NEED FOR OUR BLOOD-SUCKING ABILITY
ARE YOU SAYING THAT IT IS A REMNANT OF SOME INFORMATION SUCKING ABILITY?
BESIDES...
THE METHOD OF GATHERING INFORMATION FROM BLOOD AND BODILY FLUIDS IS RATIONAL.
ク.
EXTREMELY LONG LIFE, ASTOUNDING SELF REPAIRING ABILITY, THESE ARE
ALL NECESSARY FOR TRAVELING THROUGH THE HUMONGOUS OUTER SPACE
MAGICAL ABILITY, THE ENERGY FOR FLIGHT, A FIELD TO PROTECT ONESELF, THESE WOULD ALSO PROVE USEFUL.
BUT...

AND UNFORTUNATELY HAD THE PREDISPOSITION THAT CAUSED ITS METABOLISM TO RUN WILD AND ITS BODY TO BREAK UP WHEN EXPOSED TO SUNLIGHT
THIS ALIEN LIFE FORM, IN THE STEP OF IMITATION, CHANGED IN SOME WAY
AND THIS ORGANISM, DESPITE THE LIMIT PLACED ON IT ON EARTH
CONTINUED TO PROPAGATE AS "VAMPIRES."
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COME TO THINK OF IT, STRAUSS SAID SO TOO
IT IS SAID THAT THE RACE CALLED VAMPIRES, A LONG TIME AGO
CAME FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MOON

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AS A HYPOTHESIS IT IS INTERESTING BUT
EVEN IF OUR ORIGINS WERE AS SUCH, THE CURRENT SITUATION DOES NOT CHANGE, RIGHT?
THE DESCENDANTS OF LIFE THAT INTENTIONALLY TRAVELED BETWEEN THE STARS
SHOULD THEY NOT STILL POSSESS THAT ABILITY?
IF THEY ARE RESISTANT TO THE SUN'S LIGHT
COULDN'T A VAMPIRE ONCE AGAIN FLY TO ANOTHER STAR?
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HELLO, HELLO, SHO-KUN
SORRY FOR MAKING YOU WAIT
IT HAS BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE YOU AWOKE, YET...
THIS WOULD BE OUR FIRST TIME MEETING
ADELHEID

HOW IS THE WORLD 1000 YEARS LATER ?
IT MUST BE DIFFICULT, WITH SO MANY NEW THINGS.
COMPARED TO YOUR CHANGE, SUCH THINGS...
AAH... YOU HAVE SHOULDERED SO MUCH SUFFERING...
I HAVE NOT CHANGED MUCH...
AT MOST I HAVE JUST BECOME ABLE TO SAY JUICY JOKES.
I WOULD LIKE TO REMINISE ABOUT OLD TIMES BUT
LET'S LEAVE THAT FOR LATER.
YES...
WELL THEN...

PROFES-SOR LEE
LET ME HEAR WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY
AH
YES...
AKABARA, ABOUT A WEEK OR SO AGO ...
YOU HANDED ME THIS.
THAT IS!
STELLA'S NECK-LACE...!
THERE ARE THOSE WHO KNOW IT...
IN THE END I HELD ON TO IT FOR 1000 YEARS...
ORIGINALLY I SHOULD HAVE BURIED IT WITH HER ASHES BUT...

DOES THAT PROMISE STILL HOLD NOW ?
YOU SAID THAT IF I GUESSED CORRECTLY WHAT THE STONE IN THE MIDDLE WAS
YOU WOULD SWEAR TO TRY YOUR BEST AND SAVE MANKIND.
YUP
WITHOUT A DOUBT.
AT FIRST I THOUGHT THE STONE WAS
BASALT OR SOMETHING FORMED FROM LAVA
BUT AFTER SOME ANALYSIS, EVEN IF IT WAS LAVA
IT WOULD BE LAVA FROM 3.5 BILLION YEARS AGO
THERE HAS BEEN NO ROCK FOUND ON THE EARTH'S SURFACE THAT IS FROM 3.5 BILLION YEARS AGO.
FURTHERMORE THIS ROCK NOT ONLY DOES NOT CONTAIN ANY VOLATILE ELEMENTS

IT ALSO CONTAINS SEVERAL MINERALS THAT DOES NOT EXIST ON THE EARTH.
IT IS POSSIBLE TO GET ROCKS FROM OUTER SPACE THROUGH METEORITES
BUT TO DETERMINE WHERE IT CAME FROM IS NOT EASY.
HOWEVER, AS WELL AS AKABARA KNOWING SOMETHING IF IT IS A ROCK SUITABLE FOR ANALYSIS...
AKABARA-SAN ...
THIS IS A "MOON'S STONE."
THIS IS ALSO SOMETHING YOU TOOK FROM THE MOON DIRECTLY.

EXACTLY.
I, WITH THIS SAME BODY ...
CAN FLY TO THE MOON, NO, MUCH FURTHER.
LETY ...
DO YOU FINALLY BELIEVE ME?
AS A KING, I COULD EASILY FLY TO THE MOON
HE WAS-SERIOUS !?

BRIDGET
WILL BIG MOURA'S ATTACK REACT EVEN IF THE TARGET IS HUMAN-SIZED?
LITTLE MOURA, AFTER DESTROYING THE BALLISTIC MISSILES
HAD NO REACTION TOWARDS THE HIGH SPEED LARGE-SIZED PIECES THAT WERE SCATTERED
IT SEEMS LIKE IT CANNOT SENSE TARGETS THAT ARE ONLY A FEW METERS ACROSS
IF SO, EVEN IF I WERE TO LEAVE EARTH'S GRAVITY FIELD, I WOULD NOT BE HARMED
WITH THIS WE CAN ENACT AN AMBUSH
IF ADELEHEID AND I WERE TO GATHER OUR POWER
IN JUST THREE HOURS WE CAN TURN BIG MOURA INTO DUST IN SPACE

PROFESSOR LEE, I WILL FULFILL MY PROMISE.
THE HUMANS THAT ARE SIMILAR TO MY BLOOD-LINE . . .
I WILL DEFINITELY SAVE THEM.

THIS NECKLACE WAS GIVEN ...
TO MY FIRST WIFE, STELLA.
STELLA HATED OVERLY EXPENSIVE THINGS
AND SHE NEVER WANTED ANY ACCESSORIES BUT
I WANTED TO GIVE HER JUST ONE SPECIAL THING ...
AND I THOUGHT OF THE MOON'S STONE.
REALLY, TO JUST FLY TO THE MOON ON A WHIM
AT THAT TIME NOT ONLY DID WE BELIEVE IN THE PTOLEMAIC SYSTEM*
TO STEP ONTO THE MOON THAT IS CONSIDERED SACRED IN THE NIGHT KINGDOM
I WAS YOUNG THEN ...
* the belief that Earth is the center of the universe.

TO THINK THAT STELLA'S NECK-LACE WAS A PIECE OF THE MOON ...
BUT WHAT I THOUGHT WAS JUST SOME NORMAL PIECE OF ROCK ...
THAT THIS PERSON ALSO HAD SUCH A FOOLISH MOMENT OF PAS-SION !!
I REALLY WENT ALL OUT.
IN JUST A FEW HOURS I REACHED THE MOON
BUT IN SPACE, IT WAS EASY TO FLY AT A SPEED IMPOS-SIBLE ON EARTH.
IN THE NORMAL SKY IT SEEMS LIKE THE MOON IS SO FAR AWAY
EVEN SO
I WAS QUITE ANXIOUS THE FIRST TIME IN SPACE
SOMEHOW I FEEL THIS CONVERSA-TION IS EX-CEEDINGLY INSANE
VAMPIRES REALLY MAY BE MORE SUITED TO BEING IN SPACE
Both ability wise and body wise
NEXT TIME LET'S DO AN ANALY-SIS OF HIS ANATOMY

IN TERMS OF ABILITY, RATHER THAN ME, YOU CAN PROBABLY FLY TO THE EDGE OF THE MILKY WAY.
IT WILL BE NO PROBLEM FOR YOU.
WILL I ALSO BE ABLE TO FLY IN SPACE?
ERM...
DEFINITELY FROM OUR GENERATION VAMPIRES,
WILL RETURN TO THE STATE OF TRAVELING BETWEEN STARS.
WHETHER THIS HAS ANY MEANING AS A LIVING BEING...
VAMPIRE KING—
SORRY FOR INTERRUPTING IN THE MIDDLE OF AN INTERESTING TALK BUT
SHALL WE MOVE AHEAD WITH THAT "SCHEME" OF YOURS?
IF THE SITUATION DOES TURN OUT TO BE IDEAL...

AKABARA'S SCHEME?
EVEN IF I BRING DOWN BIKKUMOURA ...
THERE IS A LIMIT TO HUMANS AND THE VAMPIRE BLOODLINE LIVING TOGETHER.
IF DHAMPIRS CANNOT BECOME HUMANS ...
THERE IS THE RADICAL STRATEGY OF DISSOLUTION
SO, WHETHER OR NOT TO FOLLOW MORISHIMA'S SUGGESTION ...
YOU ARE THE LEADER ...
YOU SHOULD MAKE THESE REQUESTS
AHH, YES.
BRIDGET ...
BEFORE THE DESTRUCTION OF BIG MOURA ...
WE WILL NOW OFFICIALLY BEGIN THE "LAST FEATHER PLAN"!

FOLLOW-ING THIS PLAN ...
WE WILL REBUILD THE NIGHT KINGDOM ON THE SURFACE OF THE MOON!

ON THE MOON'S SUR-FACE!?
TO... TO BUILD A COUNTRY ...

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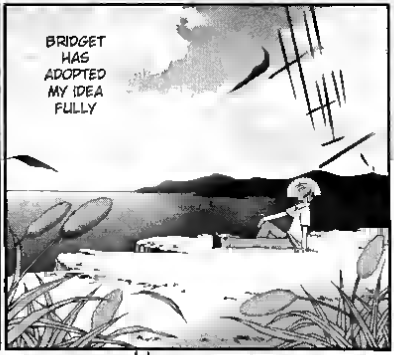
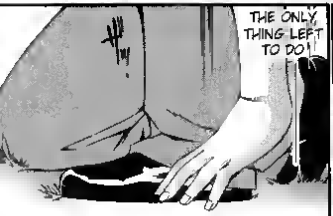
THE RECORD OF FALLEN VAMPIRE

CHAPTER 37
THERE IS A VOICE THAT CALLS, OPEN YOUR EYES





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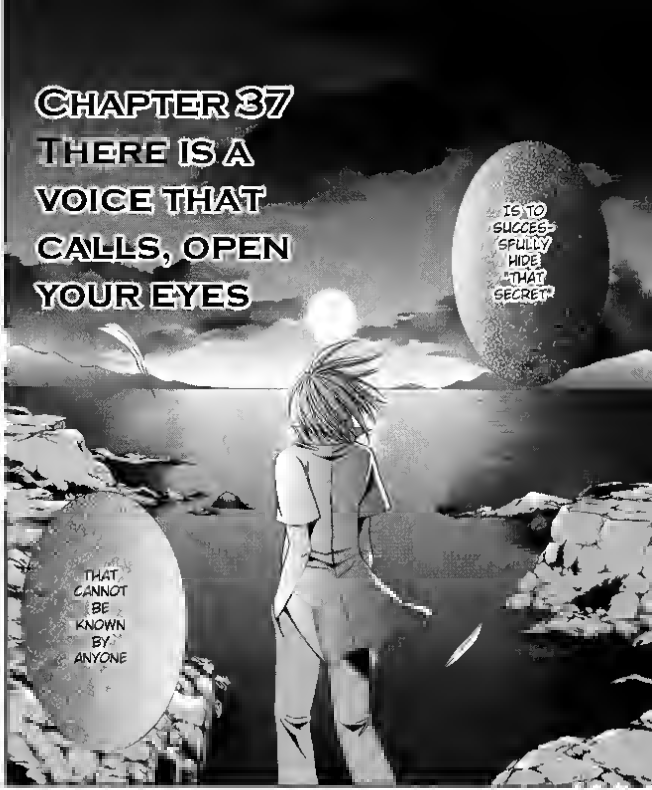

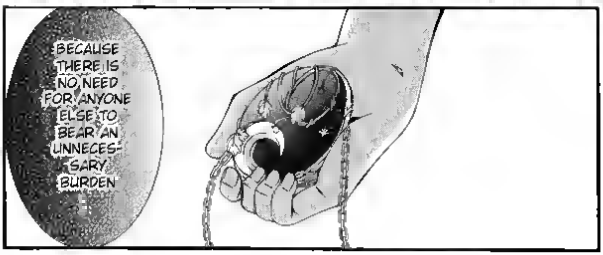

BASIC-ALLY
IT IS NOT THAT THE TSUKUYOMI SHUTTLE CANNOT FLY
EVEN WITH NEGOTI-ATIONS
OUR CHANCES ARE QUITE SLIM
WE ARE CON-DUCTING NEGOTI-ATIONS
ALIEN FIO MAY NEGATE THE CURRENT SIEGE BY LITTLE MOURA

IN ORDER TO DISCUSS THE TRANSFER OF PART OF THE EARTH FORMALLY
WE HAVE ASKED TO HOLD A CONFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES AT THE SAME TABLE
IT IS UNFAIR FOR THIS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD ON EARTH OR IN THEIR SPACE SHUTTLE
THUS, WE PROPOSE TO HOLD IT ON THE MOON'S SURFACE, WHICH IS NEITHER SIDE'S TERRITORY
IF SO, EVEN ALIEN FIO MAY
DECIDE TO STOP THE SIEGE FOR A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME
BUT
THE ALIEN FIO DOES NOT RESPOND TO MOST OF OUR CALLS FROM EARTH
AND ONLY SENDS ONE-SIDED MESSAGES
IT MAY NOT LISTEN NOW ...
WE ARE SAYING THAT WE MAY REALLY YIELD OUR LAND
SO THEY PROBABLY WON'T, COMPLETELY IGNORE US

THEY PROBABLY ALSO WANT TO KNOW WHAT AREA THEY WILL GET
IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE WE WILL NOT ESTABLISH CONTACT
.....
WILL IT HAPPEN IN REALITY ?
PLEASE DO NOT SAY SUCH DEPRESSING WORDS
YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN KILL THE BLOODLINE
OF THE VAMPIRE KING AND QUEEN, WHO ARE AS MUCH OF A HINDRANCE TO HUMANS AS THE ALIENS
THE LAST TO SPEAK WILL BE THE POWER OF THE BLACK SWAN

AS SUCH, PLEASE BE IN TOP CONDITION BOTH MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY
YOUR POWER IS KEY AFTER BIG MOURA IS SHOT DOWN
THE FATE OF HUMANKIND IS, AFTER ALL, IN YOUR HANDS
THAT'S TRUE
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ONLY I CAN DRIVE THE VAMPIRE BLOODLINE TO DESTRUCTION
FOR THE SAKE OF HUMANKIND, ESPECIALLY NOW, I MUST BE STRONG……!

FOR HOW MUCH LONGER WILL WE KEEP THE LADY IN THE DARK WITH THIS LIE?
SO, VAMPIRE KING
VAMPIRE KING
WHAT WILL YOU DO ABOUT LADY KAYUKI?
IT WOULD BE BAD FOR HER TO FIND OUT ABOUT OUR TRUE INTENTION
IF YOU WERE HURT AGAIN IT WOULD AFFECT OUR SCHEDULE GREATLY

THE COMMAND AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE ISLAND IS IN OUR HANDS
THAT'S TRUE
GOZEN IS ALSO ON THE BRINK OF FOUNDERING OUTSIDE AND IS NOT FREE ENOUGH TO DIRECT HIS GAZE HERE
IF SO, THERE IS NO NEED FOR THAT GIRL TO NOTICE
IF YOU THINK OF THE WAYS TO HIDE TH..T
BUT OUR PLAN IS GOING TO BE L..RGE-SCALE
SHALL WE
KILL KAYUKI NOW WHILE WE'RE AT IT?
OR NOT

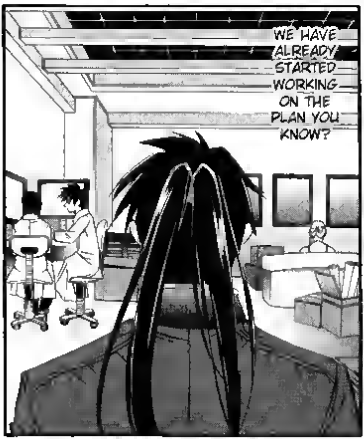
WITHOUT DOING ANYTHING, SHE WILL DIE IN THE HANDS OF THE BLACK SWAN IN A YEAR OR SO
BESIDES, AS LONG AS YOU LIVE
OUR COOPERATION WITH THE PHANTOMIRES WILL BE OVER IN A SECOND IF YOU CARRY OUT SUCH A SNEAKY ATTACK
IF SO IT'S JUST A QUESTION OF TIME
FROM NOW ON YOU WILL STILL BE AN IMPORTANT PERSON
LADY KAYUKI HAS NOT MUCH OF HER LIFE LEFT
I AM NOT IN SUCH A HURRY TO KILL THE ONE LITTLE GIRL

ON THIS ISLAND, IN ACTUAL FACT, KAYUKI'S ALLIES ARE ALL GONE
I CAN KILL HER ANY TIME I WANT TO
AFTER THIS, THE BLACK SWAN'S POWER MAY BE IMPORTANT, RIGHT?
TELL KAYUKI A DUMMY PLAN AND BE QUIET FOR THE TIME BEING
TELL EVERY-ONE THAT MES-S. GE TOO
RENKA
HOW 'BOUT THAT?
HOW WOULD I KNOW?

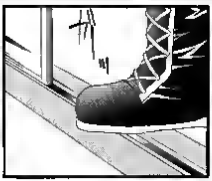
BUT
KAYUKI LOOKS EXACTLY THE SAME
AS YOUR PRECIOUS PREVIOUS BLACK SWAN RIGHT?
NO MATTER WHAT
THAT WOMAN IS NOT YUKI
IF YOU CANNOT PROTECT KAYUKI
YOU WILL DEFINITELY REGRET IT
WELL WELL

NOTHING IS SIMPLE

REALLY, THAT MISTER IS!


WE HAVE ALREADY STARTED WORKING ON THE PLAN YOU KNOW?

WHAT ON EARTH IS HE THINKING
ISN'T HE JUST INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF TROUBLE

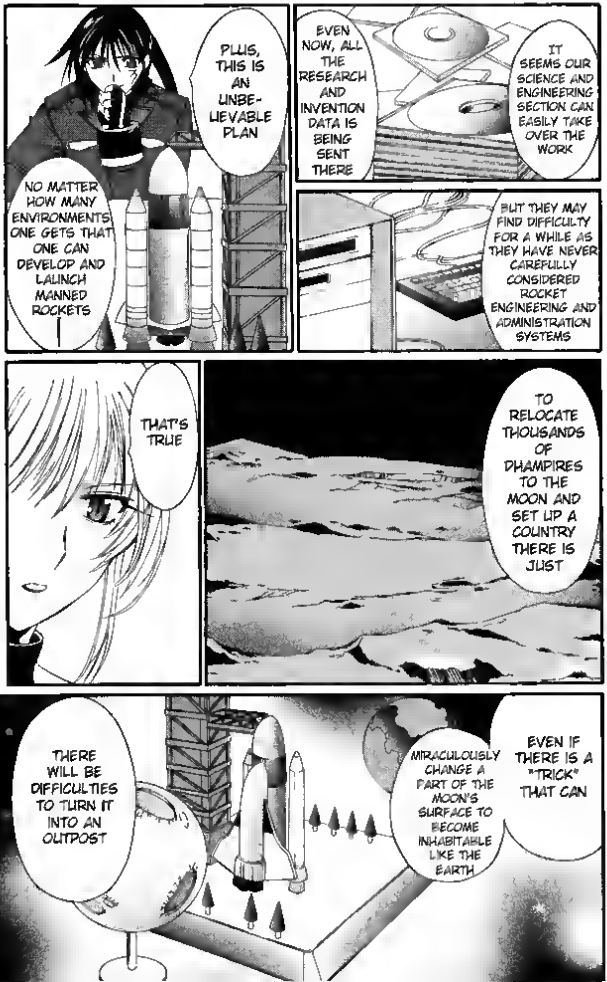


THE CONSTRUCTION COSTS WERE ALREADY OVER-THE-TOP FOR THE OVERMOON OPERATION MANNED SHUTTLE
UWAA——!!
BUT THE "LAST FEATHER PLAN" IS ABOUT TWICE AS EXPENSIVE
IT'S BECAUSE OUR FINANCE SECTION IS THE BEST
ETHEL
HOW IS THE PROCUREMENT OF MATERIALS GOING?
IT CAN EVEN WORK OUT THE AVERAGE NATIONAL BUDGET FOR LARGE NATIONS!

IT WOULD BE EASIER TO COVER UP THE MOVEMENT BY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE CONFUSION
THAT'S TRUE
IRON, FUEL AND MANY OTHER COMMODITIES HAVE RISEN SHARPLY IN PRICE
IT IS PROJECTED THAT THERE WILL BE A CORRESPONDING RESPONSE TO THE CHANGES IN THE MARKET
AFTER THE LITTLE MOURA SHOCK
AFTER THE DESTRUCTION OF BIG MOURA
DID YOU MANAGE TO PERSUADE THE BLACK SWAN?
YES
IS THE WINNING OVER OF RESEARCHERS AND ENGINEERS PROGRESSING WELL?
HOW IS IT GOING HERE?
IT WAS LIKE TAKING CANDY FROM A CHILD

WITHOUT ANY WORRY FOR THE SAFETY AND THE FACT THAT IT MAY TAKE MANY DECADES
AS LONG AS IT IS ROCKET DEVELOPMENT, THEY ARE READILY AGREEABLE!
AFTER ALL, ALL THE PEOPLE GATHERED ON THIS ISLAND WERE ROCKET-MANIACS AND SPACE-MANIACS
ONLY A FEW TRUSTED PEOPLE HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR INTEREST, BUT EVERYONE SEEMS TO WANT TO GO FOR IT
IF THERE ARE ABUNDANT FUNDS
WE CAN ANALYZE ANY NUMBER OF TEST MACHINES FOR REJECTED HYPOTHESES
IN ACTUAL FACT IT IS VERY ALLURING TO RESEARCHERS
IS THAT SO…
EVEN I HAVE THAT MUCH FAITH IN MY ABILITY TO LIVE THROUGH IT!
YEP!
EVEN IF THE ROCKET EXPLODES IN MID-FLIGHT, THERE IS NO FEAR OF THEM DYING
AND IF THE PASSENGERS ARE DHAMPIRES

I LOVE IT!!
BUT THIS PLAN DOES NOT HAVE ANY OF THAT!!
FUU-!
FOR PASSENGER-CARRYING THINGS, IT REQUIRES EVEN MORE CONCERN PUT INTO SAFETY
EVEN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT WOULD BACK AWAY AT THAT
IN THE END, INVENTION IS BUILT ON THE FOUNDATION OF FAILURES BUT
WITHOUT A BUDGET, WE CAN'T EVEN FAIL
Yeah Today is an all-nighter too !!
THERE WERE NO PROBLEMS
THE FACILITIES AND TALENTS ON THIS ISLAND
SEEM REALLY EASY TO BRING TO THE DHAMPIRES SIDE
IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO LEAVE ALL THE RESEARCH AND ENGINEERING ALONE
…
THOUGH I HAVE TO SAY THAT


PLUS, THIS IS AN UNBE-LIEVABLE PLAN
NO MATTER HOW MANY ENVIRONMENTS ONE GETS THAT ONE CAN DEVELOP AND LAUNCH MANNED ROCKETS
EVEN NOW, ALL THE RESEARCH AND INVENTION DATA IS BEING SENT THERE
IT SEEMS OUR SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING SECTION CAN EASILY TAKE OVER THE WORK
BUT THEY MAY FIND DIFFICULTY FOR A WHILE AS THEY HAVE NEVER CAREFULLY CONSIDERED ROCKET ENGINEERING AND ADMINISTRATION SYSTEMS
THAT'S TRUE
TO RELOCATE THOUSANDS OF DHAMPIRES TO THE MOON AND SET UP A COUNTRY THERE IS JUST
THERE WILL BE DIFFICULTIES TO TURN IT INTO AN OUTPOST
MIRACULOUSLY CHANGE A PART OF THE MOON'S SURFACE TO BECOME INHABITABLE LIKE THE EARTH
EVEN IF THERE IS A "TRICK" THAT CAN

WE TOO WERE ABLE TO FLY TO THE MOON WITH ONLY OUR BODIES LIKE AKABARA
IT WOULD BE GREAT IF
THE HURDLES THAT MUST BE CROSSED ARE LIKE MOUNTAINS
THERE IS NO CHOICE BUT TO DEVELOP A ROCKET FOR STEALTHY RELOCATION AND MOVEMENT OF GOODS
THAT IS PROBABLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR A DHAMPIRE
IT MAY BE JUST MY OWN OPINION BUT…
BUT… THIS PLAN
ISN'T IT SOMETHING LIKE A DREAM?
TO BE ABLE TO CREATE A COUNTRY ON THE MOON'S SURFACE IN ABOUT A HUNDRED YEARS IS JUST…
EVEN SO

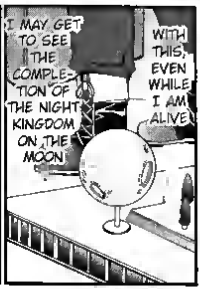
JUST BY SAYING THAT THERE IS A PROMISED LAND
FOR US DHAMPIRES, WHERE WE WILL NOT FEAR HUMAN INTERFERENCE
EVERY-ONE'S SPIRIT WILL CHANGE
AS LONG AS I AM STILL AROUND
WE HAVE WAITED 1000 YEARS NOW
EVEN IF WE HAVE TO WAIT ANOTHER 100 OR 200 YEARS
I WILL NOT LET IT END AS A DREAM
LEE-SAN IS SO WIMPY ...
BEH !?
IF IT WERE ME, I WOULD AIM TO COMPLETE A MODEL FOR THE MOON'S ATMOSPHERE IN 20 YEARS
UWAWA
IF WE CAN DO THIS, THEN WE MAY BE ABLE TO TRAVEL TO THE MOON WITH THE DHAMPIRES

Young master without proper self-assertiveness you will be steamed on by these people you know?
To say young master!!
Well, if even I can go

AS EXPECTED WHEN INSPIRED TO DO SPACE RESEARCH
YOU REALLY WANT TO STEP ON THE MOON EVEN ONCE !!

THE PEOPLE AND THINGS AND MORALE IS PERFECT
AS DIFFICULT AS THE FUTURE PATH IS

HAVE A WORD ?
CAN I


I MAY GET TO SEE THE COMPLETION OF THE NIGHT KINGDOM ON THE MOON
WITH THIS, EVEN WHILE I AM ALIVE

THE VAMPIRE KING ...
DO YOU THINK HE IS STILL HIDING SOMETHING ?
WITHOUT KILLING LADY KAYUKI
BUT NOT LETTING HER KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THIS TRUTH
HE IS LETTING HER HOSTILE SENTI-MENTS TOWARDS HIM BE
ISN'T IT STRANGE ?
YEAH
AND WHAT ABOUT IT?
WELL IT'S JUST ...
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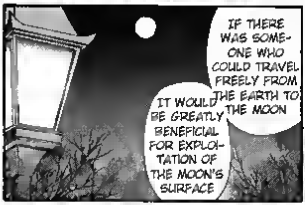
BUT
THAT PERSON WHO HAS KILLED 49 BLACK SWANS UNTIL NOW
FOR HIM TO JUST SHOW SYMPATHY TO THE SOTH ONE IS STR-ANGE

IF SO, THAT MISTER
ISN'T HE MAKING IT EASIER FOR LADY KAYUKI TO KILL HIM?

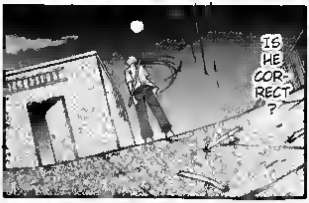

IF THERE WAS SOME-ONE WHO COULD TRAVEL FREELY FROM THE EARTH TO THE MOON
IT WOULD BE GREATLY BENEFICIAL FOR EXPLOI-TATION OF THE MOON'S SURFACE

THERE IS STILL MUCH TO DO
EVEN IF AFTER THE SERIOUS INITIATION OF THE PLAN, MOST OF IT IS OUT OF THE VAMPIRE KING'S HANDS

ALSO, FOR THAT FEARSOME AND RESPONSIBLE MISTER, HE WILL NOT ESCAPE THROUGH DEATH

DOESN'T IT SEEM AS IF HE IS STILL HIDING SOMETHING CRUCIAL?
IF THAT PERSON IS STILL HIDING SOME-THING EVEN NOW
THERE MUST BE SOME SUITABLE REASON
IF SO, TO FIND OUT THE TRUTH WILL ONLY BRING US
REGRET AND PAIN
DO NOT SEARCH ANY FURTHER
WE CAN DO NO MORE THAN WATCH THE BACK OF THE SUPREME KING

WHAT SHOULD I DO?



EVEN THOUGH THAT IS ALL WHAT AKABARA SAID…
EVEN THOUGH I KNOW WHAT I AND THEY SHOULD DO AND WHERE WE SHOULD BE AIMING FOR, I DISLIKE IT

EVEN SO, UNTIL AKABARA SAID SO TO ME, WHY WAS I ...
DAMN IT ... EVEN THOUGH SHE IS SIMILAR TO YUKI, THERE IS NO CONNECTION
IS HE PLANNING TO KILL THE 50TH BLACK SWAN IN THE END
AKABARA
THAT GUY

WHY WAS I TRYING TO PROTECT THE BLACK SWAN?

EVEN THOUGH EVERYONE SEEMS BUSY WITH SOMETHING
YOU SEEM REALLY FREE
COME TO THINK OF IT
I AM PROBABLY SKIPPING WORK
ONLY THIS ONE, WITHOUT KNOWING ANYTHING, IS BEING TRICKED BY EVERYONE
IN THE END, IT MAY BE MOST PITIFUL (BEING TASKED) BOUT ON WHETHER TO KILL OR NOT TO KILL HER FROM THE SHADOWS...
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
BECAUSE I HAVE RESTED FOR THE LAST FEW DAYS
I AM GOING TO LOOK AT HOW THE VAMPIRE KING IS DOING
AFTER ALL, DEPENDING ON THE SITUATION, THERE MAY BE A NEED TO MAKE HIM UNABLE TO MOVE

THAT'S IT
I CAN NO LONGER CHOOSE MY MEANS
GUH…
AGAIN HE TOOK THE LIBERTY TO GO OUT AND ABOUT…
REALLY…
WHAT ON EARTH IS HE PLANNING…

A NECK-LACE…
BUT… IT'S AS IF I HAVE SEEN IT SOME-WHERE
BESIDES, IT'S NOT AT ALL EXPENSIVE
BUT FOR MY OWN SATIS-FACTION I WANT TO GIVE YOU AT LEAST ONE THING
EH !?

HEY, BLACK SWAN
THERE IS NO DEEP MEANING BUT THERE IS SOMETHING I WANT TO SAY
WHAT IS THIS ...
REALLY ... THESE MEMORIES ARE ...
THESE ARE ...
THESE MEMORIES ARE
THIS ..... THIS NECKLACE IS !!

KYAA

ADELHEID
I'M REALLY SORRY
I COULDN'T CREATE A CHANCE FOR US TO TALK UNTIL NOW
IT IS EXPECTED, AS THERE IS MUCH TO DO FOR THE "LAST FEATHER PLAN"
TO SET UP A PLAN WHERE YOUR SACRIFICE IS REQUIRED
BECAUSE I WAS PUTTING IT INTO OPERATION
I AM ...
REALLY NOT A GOOD HUSBAND
PLEASE DO NOT MIND IT

IF THE FUTURE OF THE BLOODLINE WILL BE GUARANTEED BY MY SACRIFICE
LET IT AT LEAST BE MY ATONE-MENT
ADELHEID...
THE SOUND JUST NOW ...!!

IT COU-LDN'T BE ……!
WITH THIS WE CAN-NOT GET A HOLD OF IT!!
DON'T GET ANY CLO-SER!
IT WON'T GO THRO-UGH!
WHAT HAS HAP-PENED !?
THE BLACK SWAN HAS ……
ACCIDE-NTALLY EXP-LODED ……!

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BRIDGET!
CAN YOU NOT SUPPRESS THE BLACK SWAN WITH YOUR POWERS
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!!
IF SO THE BLACK SWAN WILL
NOT STOP UNTIL IT HAS DEVOURED ITS HOST!!
IT'S ALRIGHT NOT TO BE IN SUCH A HURRY
IT'S PITIFUL BUT AT THIS RATE
!!?

KA-YU-KI!!
KAYUKI……
HAS HER WHOLE SOUL BEEN CONSUMED!?
GEH……
THERE IS NO OTHER CHOICE!
I BEG YOU!
DON'T LET THIS GIRL'S SOUL DIE YET!!
CAN YOU HEAR ME! SUPPRESS THE BLACK SWAN
STRAUSS IS NOT CALLING KAYUKI,— BUT SOMEONE ELSE?
OPEN……YOUR EYES……!

OPEN YOUR EYES!!
STELLA!!
SHE
.....!?

IT IS ... IT IS HOPELESS... ...!
I WILL BE CONSUMED !!!
SCREEEECH

PHEW
AT LAST IT IS CONTROLLED
BUT YOU REALLY GOT ME THERE
AAH
Now now don't cry
gonna up gonna up
WHO ARE ... YOU ?
..... AH
ME ? I AM STELLA
STELLA HAZENBERG
IN A WAY, ALSO THE BLACK SWAN ITSELF

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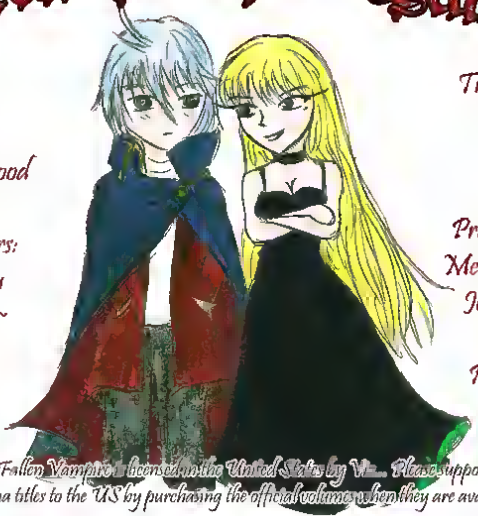

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YOU WERE KILLED BY THE QUEEN ...
WHAT... WHAT ON EARTH HAPPENED ..!?
WELL WELL, CALM DOWN ...
IT IS QUITE COMPLI-CATED ...
WAAAA
NOW NOW... WAIT JUST A LITTLE BIT ...
I WILL TELL YOU EVERY-THING ...
COULD IT BE THAT CHILD ...!
WAAAA
YES, SHE WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN BORN ..
THE DAUGHTER OF STRAUSS AND I.

AND SO WE WERE IN THIS SPACE ...
HIDING IN YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS AND SOUL...
なぞ
ACCORDING TO STRAUSS ....
THE BLACK SWAN HAS A MECHANISM ...
TO MAKE THOSE IT POSSESS DISLIKE TOUCHING MY EXISTENCE AND MEMORIES
THAT'S WHY IF YOU TRY TO SEARCH DEEPLY INTO YOURSELF...
YOU WILL SUFFER HEADACHES AND FEEL LIKE YOU ARE GETTING DEVOURED
IT'S TRUE THAT WHEN I FORCEFULLY TRY TO RECALL THINGS, I WILL BE FRIGHTENED OFF BY EXCRUCIATING HEADACHES ...
THIS TIME TOO WHEN I SAW THE MEMORY OF THE NECKLACE, THE BLACK SWAN FLEW OUT!
WHEN I APPEAR LIKE THIS IT IS ALSO TEMPORARY BUT IT CAN BE CONTROLLED ...

SO I WILL TELL YOU EVERYTHING
IF I DO NOT EXPLAIN EVERYTHING
YOU WILL TRY TO FIND ME AGAIN MAKING THE BLACK SWAN GO WILD.
WHEN THAT HAPPENS MY EXISTENCE WILL BE COMPLETELY REVEALED
WELL... IT WOULD BECOME VERY BAD.
WHAT STRAUSS HAS, IN THESE PAST 1000 YEARS
WHY THIS CHILD AND I ARE WITH THE BLACK SWAN
WHAT THE LIES ARE AND WHAT THE TRUTH IS
WHAT HE HAS ACTUALLY BEEN WISHING FOR AND WHAT HE IS TRYING TO PROTECT.

STELLA HAS APPEARED
FOR THE MEANTIME I CAN RELAX
BUT WITH THIS
KAYUKI WILL FIND OUT THE TRUTH

.....
STRAUSS
SHE MUST BE TAKEN CARE OF.
SHE IS SEVERELY INJURED, BUT IT'S NOTHING FATAL.
WHY DID YOU ...
CALL THE BLACK SWAN BY STELLA'S NAME?

THE BLACK SWAN ORIGINATED FROM STELLA'S SOUL.
NO, IN ACTUAL FACT ...
IT IS FROM THE SOULS OF STELLA AND MY UNBORN CHILD.

IT WAS FOR THIS PURPOSE THAT ...
SABER-HAGEN KILLED STELLA AND MY CHILD.
HER VITALS ARE NORMAL, AND THE BLEEDING HAS STOPPED
SHE SEEME TO BE SLEEPING NOW
SORRY, BOTH OF YOU
FOR THE TIME BEING I LEAVE KAYUKI TO YOU
ALRIGHT ...
ガチャ!!

WELL THEN.
WHERE SHOULD I START ?
I HAD INTENDED TO HIDE THIS UNTIL THE END BUT...
FROM THE START, THERE WAS NO PROPER WAY OF OPPOSING IT.
SUCH A STRONG FORCE THAT COULD SHATTER MY STAR.

AND SO SABERHAGEN THOUGHT ...
THE REVERSE REVOLUTION SEAL THAT WAS USED TO SEAL ADELHEID HAD THE INTENDED EFFECT ...
BUT WITH SUCH COMPLICATED AND RESTRICTIVE REQUIREMENTS, IT IS IN REALITY TOO LARGE TO BE VERY USEFUL
SHE THOUGHT MY CHILD MIGHT TURN OUT COMPARABLE TO ME.
STRAUSS'S CHILD MIGHT JUST HOLD POWER ABOVE THAT OF A DHAMPIRE.
A TOOTH FOR A TOOTH, AN EYE FOR AN EYE...
ONLY I CAN DEFEAT MYSELF
IF SHE MADE USE OF THE POWER OF THE INHERITOR OF AKABARA'S BLOOD ...
IT MIGHT BE ABLE TO DESTROY AKABARA.
I UNDERSTAND THE LOGIC BUT SUCH A THOUGHT IS
JUST WRONG SOMEHOW ...!

SHE HAD BEEN WAITING SINCE BEFORE MY CHILD WAS BORN TO APPEAR
AND IF SHE HAD A CHANCE SHE WOULD TAKE THE CHILD AND, USING IT AS AN INGREDIENT,
CREATE THE SPIRITUAL PARASITIC BODY THAT HOLDS FEARSOME POWER
THE "BLACK SWAN"
THAT'S WHY SHE KILLED STELLA
AND MY CHILD
TO CREATE A PARASITIC BODY, A SOUL WAS NEEDED
THUS THERE WAS A NEED TO DESTROY THE BODY.

ONLY YOUR CHILD WAS NEEDED, AFTER ALL..
WAS THERE A NEED TO KILL EVEN STELLA?
BUT.....
BUT.....
IN ORDER TO CALM AND WORK ON THE SOUL OF A CHILD...
THE SOUL OF ITS MOTHER IS NECESSARY AT ANY COST.
BESIDES, STELLA HAD A STRONG RELATION-SHIP WITH ADELHEID AND I.
THAT MEANT SHE HAD THE STRENGTH TO CONNECT THE BLACK SWAN TO US AND RETAIN IT IN THIS WORLD.
BECAUSE STELLA RESIDED IN THE BLACK SWAN..
IT WOULD NEVER BE DESTROYED AS LONG AS ADELHEID AND I ARE STILL ALIVE

BECAUSE IT HAD MY CHILD'S SOUL WITHIN IT
IT WAS HOPED THAT THE BLACK SWAN WOULD HAVE THE MAGICAL ABILITY TO DEFEAT ME.
BUT ...
EVEN THOUGH SABER-HAGEN WAS STELLA'S MOTHER ...
HOW WAS SHE ABLE TO DO SUCH A CRUEL THING ...!?
SHE, FOR THE SAKE OF THE WORLD AND THE HUMANS
BELIEVED THAT SHE HAD TO DEFEAT ME NO MATTER WHAT.
WITH SUCH A GREAT RESPONSIBILITY, SHE HAD THE SELF-CONTROL TO RESTRAIN HER MOTHERLY AFFECTIONS AND SELFISH DESIRES.
SHE DECIDED THAT THERE WAS NO CHOICE BUT SUCH CRUELTY
AND ACTED ON HER DECISION

WHEN DID YOU REALIZE THAT THE BLACK SWAN WAS STELLA?
WHEN……
SHE WAS MUCH MORE DECISIVE AND PREPARED THAN I WAS…
STRAUSS…
I NOTICED WHEN I WAS FIGHTING CYNTHIA…
THE FIRST GIRL TO BE POSSESSED BY THE BLACK SWAN
I COULD ONLY BE SURE OF THIS WHEN CYNTHIA FELL…
AND THEN…

I SEARCHED FOR SABERHAGEN ...
AND ASKED HER FOR THE TRUTH ABOUT THE BLACK SWAN.

SABER-
HAGEN
...!!
WHAT
ON
EARTH
...
WAS
THAT
...!!

WHAT WAS ...
WHAT ?
DON'T PLAY DUMB!
THE INDESTRUCTIBLE BLACK BIRD CALLED THE BLACK SWAN...
AREN'T YOU THE ONE WHO GAVE BIRTH TO IT?
HO ...
AS EXPECTED EVEN YOU ARE TREMBLING BEFORE IT!
HO... YOUR LIFE IS AT ITS END.

BE AFRAID OF THE TERROR OF THE INES-CAPABLE BLACK SWAN ...
THAT WILL CHASE YOU FOREVER UNTIL YOU AND THE QUEEN ARE---
WHO CARES ABOUT THAT!!
IS THAT STELLA!?
COULD IT BE ...
YOU NOTICED ...?

I LOVED THAT CHILD ...
EVEN MORE THAN MY OWN HEART ...
HOW COULD I NOT NOTICE ?
OF COURSE I DID !!
I WAS THE ONE... WHO KILLED... STELLA... AND YOUR CHILD...
AND... TURNED HER INTO THE BLACK SWAN ...
THE ETERNAL HUNTER... WHO WILL DESTROY YOU...
AAA-RGGH !!
WHAT YOU SAYING SO EASILY !?

BUT YOU SHOULD KNOW THIS ...
KILL THE ONE ... WHOM YOU LOVED MOST!
YOU WILL ... AT SOME POINT IN TIME ...
SHE WAS MY BELOVED DAUGHTER!
NO MATTER WHAT STELLA BECOMES ...
THE TRUTH ABOUT STELLA, THE TRUTH ABOUT ADELHEID ...
THE TRUTH ABOUT SABERHAGEN
AND NOTICED THE DARK SIDE OF EVERYTHING I HAD SEEN UNTIL THEN
IT WAS THEN I FOUND OUT THE WHOLE TRUTH...

UNTIL THEN, I HAD KNOWN NOTHING
WHY ...
SABER-HAGEN!
IF STELLA ...
IF STELLA WAS YOUR BELOVED DAUGHTER THEN WHY DID YOU KILL HER!!
WHY DID YOU CHANGE HER INTO THE BLACK SWAN!?
WERE YOU THAT AFRAID OF ME!?
THERE IS NO WAY I COULD NOT FEAR YOU!!
LOOK AT ALL YOUR ACTS UP UNTIL TODAY!
LOOK AT THE DESTRUCTION WREAKED BY THE QUEEN!

YOUR POWER IS SO GREAT THAT YOU COULD DESTROY THE WORLD ON A WHIM!
I HAD TO CREATE SOMETHING THAT COULD STOP THAT FOR THE SAKE OF THIS EARTH
NO MATTER WHAT THE SACRIFICE ...
SUCH A FEAR WAS, IN THE END, JUSTIFIED ...
THAT SHE WAS ABLE TO STOP ADELHEID'S RAMPAGE AND PREVENT FURTHER DAMAGE.
IT WAS BECAUSE SABERHAGEN FEARED VAMPIRES ...
IF SO... I MUST ASK YOU TOO...!
ROSERED STRAUSS ...

WHY DID YOU BRING STELLA TO YOUR SIDE!?
WHY DID YOU TRY TO TAKE HER AS YOUR OWN!?
YOU AND I HAVE BEEN BORN WITH GREAT POWER AND TALENT ...
AND A FATE TO STAND ABOVE ALL THE OTHERS, WALKING ON THE CORPSES OF OTHERS
WE HAVE TO WALK A PATH FILLED WITH BLOOD-SHED WITH NO PEACE ...
IT COULDN'T BE...
THAT YOU DIDN'T REALIZE THIS, COULD IT!?

WHY DID SUCH A PERSON PLACE HIS MOST BELOVED ONE BY HIS SIDE ...
AND MAKE HER WALK THROUGH THE SCENES OF BLOOD-SHED?
IF SHE IS BESIDE YOU... AFTER SOME TIME ...
BLOOD AND METAL MAY TAKE YOUR BELOVED AWAY ONE DAY.
SHE MAY BE INTRODUCED TO HIDEOUS BATTLES COVERED IN FILTH...
THAT'S WHY I LET THAT CHILD GO!!
BECAUSE I LOVED HER SO, I THREW THAT CHILD AWAY!!
THAT'S WHY I CUT OUR MOTH-ER-DAUGH-TER TIES!!
AND YET WHY DID YOU ...
WHY DID YOU PLACE STELLA BY YOUR SIDE!?
ANSWER ME!!

ROSERED STRAUSS ...
WHY DID YOU TAKE STELLA'S HAND!?
WHY EVEN WHEN BORN AS AN OTHER-WORLDLY MAGICIAN ...
DID YOU WISH FOR THE HAPPI-NESS OF A NORMAL PERSON!?
IF YOU HAD LOVED STELLA ...
YOU SHOULD HAVE KEPT FAR AWAY FROM THAT CHILD NO MATTER WHAT!!

I WANTED HER BY MY SIDE...
DID NOT WANT TO STAY AWAY FROM STELLA...
I SIMPLY...
ARG...
I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN... THAT I WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED SUCH...
JUST OUT OF SELFISHNESS... JUST OUT OF A FOOLISH OBSESSION!
STELLA...
MY DAUGHTER...
I WAS... THE ONE WHO CONNECTED STELLA TO THE BLACK SWAN...
I WAS THE ONE WHO KILLED STELLA...!

IF YOU HAD KEPT AWAY FROM AKABARA ...
IF YOU HAD NOT LOVED AKABARA ...
SUCH... SUCH A THING WOULD NOT HAVE ...!

THIS OLD BODY, THAT IS DRAINED OF SPIRITUAL POWER ...
DOES NOT HAVE MUCH TIME LEFT ...
AT LEAST SATISFY STELLA'S REVENGE ...
DOES STELLA WISH FOR THAT?
EVEN TURNED INTO THE BLACK SWAN, COULD STELLA POSSIBLY HATE HER MOTHER?
ROSERED STRAUSS ...
.....

IF YOU STILL HAVE FEELINGS FOR STELLA ...
THEN GIVE UP ON THE QUEEN
RETURN ONCE MORE TO BE KING ...
IF IT IS YOU, YOU CAN GATHER THE PEOPLE AND RECREATE YOUR KINGDOM.
IF YOU HAVE YOUR COUNTRY'S POWER, IN LESS THAN A YEAR YOU WILL FIND MY SEAL.
DESTROY IT AND ALLOW THE QUEEN TO BE REVIVED.
THEN, KILL THE QUEEN, AND [illegible] SUICIDE YOURSELF.
IF YOU DO SO STELLA'S SOUL WILL BE RELEASED ...
THAT IS THE ONLY WAY TO SAVE THAT CHILD'S SOUL.
I'M SORRY BUT I CANNOT LISTEN TO YOUR WISHES.

YOU... ARE YOU THAT OBSESSED WITH THE QUEEN?
YOU WILL, BECAUSE OF THIS, BE FOREVER HUNTED BY STELLA AND FIGHT WITH HER, YOU KNOW?
STELLA WILL NEVER BE FREED FROM THIS CREATION, YOU KNOW?
DO YOUR FEELINGS FOR STELLA ALLOW SUCH A THING!?
ARE YOU A COWARD, SABERHAGEN?
FOR THE HUMANS, ADELHEID'S RAMPAGE
HAS GREATLY INCREASED THE FEAR IN OUR NEIGHBORS TOWARDS THE VAMPIRE BLOODLINE!
IF I ONCE AGAIN CREATED MY KINGDOM THEN
BETWEEN HUMANS AND MY BLOODLINE, THERE WILL BE AN ENDLESS WORLD WAR!

IT'S BECAUSE I, THE COMMON ENEMY EXIST NOW
THAT HUMANS AND MY BLOODLINE ARE IN A STATE OF TEMPORARY TRUCE
AND THEY ARE AVOIDING DEVASTATING CONFLICTS
DOES YOUR GREAT SACRIFICE ALLOW FOR THIS ?
BUT TO AVOID WAR, BECAME THE ENEMY OF EVERYONE OF YOUR OWN WILL !?
YOU, NOT BECAUSE OF OBSESSION FOR THE QUEEN ...
FOR THE SAKE OF THE BLOODLINE ...
FOR THE SAKE OF THE WORLD ... I CANNOT DIE!
YOU DECIDED TO BEAR UPON YOURSELF ALL OF THAT HATRED
I MUST RECEIVE ALL THE HATRED

AS LONG AS THERE IS A MOON, AS LONG AS THERE IS NIGHT ...
UNTIL THE DAY THAT I AM KILLED.
THAT IS MY SIN AND MY PUNISH-MENT ...
WITH-OUT KNOWING A TIME TO STOP.

IT WOULD BE BETTER IF I WERE HATED...
DO YOU HATE ME NOW?
HEY STELLA ...
IT WOULD BE SO MUCH EASIER IF I WERE HATED ...
DO YOU HATE THE ME WHO COULD NOT SAVE YOU?
BUT I KNEW THE ANSWER...
PLEASE, LET STRAUSS ALWAYS BE BLESSED BY THE GOOD MOON.
EVEN IF I DIED, MY SOUL WILL ALWAYS WISH FOR YOUR HAPPINESS ...
EVEN SO ...
TO BE CONTINUED

EVEN SO, WILL YOUR SOUL...
STILL WISH FOR MY HAPPINESS ?
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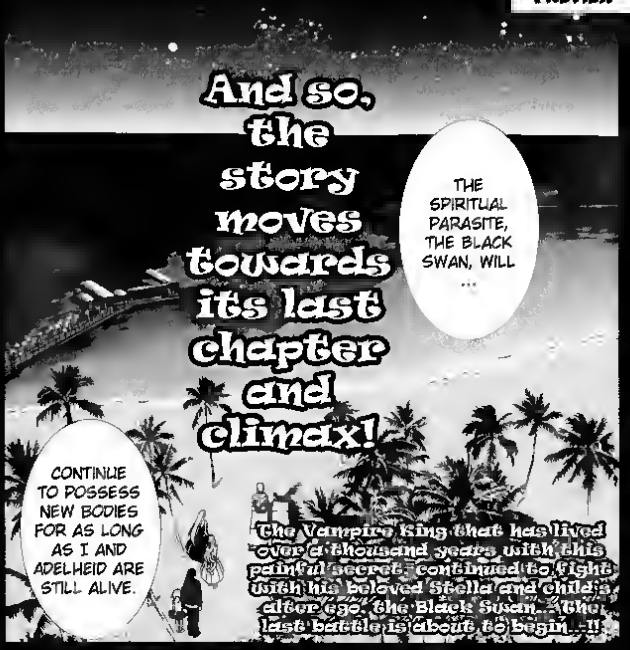
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The Vampire King that has lived over a thousand years with this painful secret, continued to fight with his beloved Stella and child, alter ego, the Black Swan... Their last battle is about to begin...!!

THIS IS TOO HEAVY A TRUTH FOR ME!
BUT, I DIDN'T WANT TO KNOW SUCH A TRUTH!

TO KILL STRAUSS OR TO BE KILLED BY STRAUSS ...
YOU ...
That is the sad and cruel choice ...
WHICH WILL YOU CHOOSE?

HASN'T HE ALWAYS BEEN SUFFERING FOR EVERYONE'S SAKE!?
AREN'T THERE STILL MANY BAD GUYS OUT THERE!?
WASN'T HE A KING!?
WASN'T STRAUSS A WONDERFUL GENERAL

Now, carrying all the feelings and hopes

THAT IS THE GREATEST KINDNESS AND THE GREATEST CRUELTY ...
IT WOULD REQUIRE THE QUEEN'S BODY AS A SACRIFICE ...?
IN ORDER TO MAKE THE MOON'S SURFACE SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE EARTH'S ...

Fate is starting its last acceleration!!

THERE IS NOTHING TO HESITATE ABOUT
I AM
AHH
IF THE BIG MOUTH DISAPPEARS, WE WILL ONCE AGAIN BECOME ENEMIES ...
THIS TIME, SHALL WE FIGHT EACH OTHER PROPERLY ?

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